

Congress kills loan guarantees

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Congress adopted a foreign aid bill last week that contains no reference to Israel's request for \$10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees.

Instead, the Senate voted 99-1 to adopt a separate, non-binding resolution calling on the Bush administration to provide an appropriate level of loan guarantees to Israel.

The senators had originally hoped to pass a foreign aid bill that contained the guarantees, which Israel would have used to obtain up to \$10 billion in commercial loans to help cover the enormous cost of absorbing immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

But U.S. President George Bush vowed he would veto any legislation that provided the loan guarantees without requiring the Israeli government to stop building settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

So instead, both the Senate and House of Representatives passed a so-called continuing resolution that maintains last year's level of foreign aid to Israel and other recipients for the remaining six months of the 1992 fiscal year.

The non-binding resolution, sponsored by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), was as far as pro-Israel lawmakers would go in challenging Bush's veto threat.

Earlier this month, the Senate had proposed a compromise that would have provided Israel with loan guarantees for \$850 million, with no strings attached, and given the president discretion over providing guarantees for another \$9 billion.

But the administration was only willing to provide Israel with guarantees for \$300 million up front and wanted to place more stringent conditions on the remaining \$9.7 billion.

Then last week, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) proposed a last-ditch compromise that would have had a U.S. government agency, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, guarantee \$2 billion in loans to Israel for immigrant resettlement through the 1994 fiscal year.

Metzenbaum told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he discussed the matter personally with Secretary of State James Baker on March 26 and got word from him on Monday that the administration "found it unacceptable."

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Baker "felt that in some way the money might be used as far as the settlements were concerned," said Metzenbaum.

Had the administration found it acceptable, the OPIC proposal would have been included in the continuing resolution approved by the Senate on Wednesday and by the House on Tuesday, Metzenbaum said.

The Ohio senator said the loan guarantee legislation could be revisited after the Israeli elections in June or after the U.S. elections in November.

Metzenbaum said that while there were probably enough votes in the Senate and House to approve loan guarantees for Israel, it was unclear whether Congress could override the promised Bush veto.

He cited Bush's threat to make the loan guarantees "a political issue" during the U.S. election campaign as another reason for not voting on them at this juncture.

During the loan guarantees debate, Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) unveiled eight color poster maps, dating as far back as 1000 BCE, to demonstrate that there was a Jewish presence in the West Bank as early as the time of King Solomon.

A map of the Ottoman Empire's rule over Jerusalem from 1500 to 1919 was shown to illustrate that Jews were also allowed to settle in the West Bank then and that only between 1948 and 1967, when Jordan controlled the West Bank, were Jews not allowed to live there.

The lone vote against the loan guarantees resolution was cast by Sen. Robert Byrd (D-Va.). He argued that the United States should be "weaning Israel off foreign loans and deeper debt."

He questioned whether the loan money would really go to immigrants. Instead, he suggested it was really an "economic infrastructure package, on top of the aid that we are already providing this year."

Israel cleared of charges

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The Bush administration has cleared Israel of charges that it illegally provided China with U.S. technology from the Patriot anti-missile system, which was used during the Persian Gulf War to deflect Iraqi Scuds.

But at the same time, the State Department's inspector general accused the Jewish state of engaging in "unauthorized transfers" involving other "U.S. items and technology."

The charges appear to be among the strongest criticism ever leveled at Israel regarding its arms dealings

with other nations, and they are likely to exacerbate the already severe tensions between Washington and Jerusalem.

Pro-Israel activists had expected the administration to clear Israel on the Patriot matter following the visit last week to Israel of a U.S. inspection team.

Israel categorically denied the charges from the outset.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said Thursday that the U.S. government was giving Israel "a clean bill of health on the Patriot issue."

Holiday deadlines

Due to the upcoming statutory and religious holidays, *The CJN* offices will be closed Friday, April 17 and Friday, April 24. As a result early deadlines will apply for the issues of April 23 and 30.

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GETTING CLOSE TO PASSOVER

New immigrant Feuter Viniotsky helps Israel prepare for Passover at a matzah factory in Jerusalem. Thanks to Operation Exodus, he is celebrating his first Passover in Israel. [UJA Press Service]

Labor electoral slate unites party elements

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Labor Party members, voting in a U.S.-style primary last week, selected a slate of candidates for the June 23 Knesset elections that represents all elements of the party.

In fact, under the leadership of Yitzhak Rabin, the party seems more united than it has been in many years. Rabin defeated incumbent Shimon Peres for the office of chairman in a nationwide referendum last month.

Peres, who was voted into the No. 2 spot Tuesday, had good reason to be satisfied with the outcome, which put several of his closest supporters in high slots, assuring them of election.

A big surprise was the elevation of the dovish Avrum Burg to the No. 3 position, up from No. 21 in Labor's outgoing Knesset delegation. Burg, son of former National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg, is part of Labor's younger generation of rising politicians.

His presence, along with at least three other confirmed doves among the top 10 names on the Labor list, drew fire from Likud.

Rabin is "surrounded by a dove-cote of Peres-supporting doves," one Likud official claimed.

Asked to comment, Rabin said Labor in fact represents "the centrist opinion in the country" and stands on its platform.

Peres dismissed Likud taunts, asserting that the dove-hawk classification is "10 years out of date."

Candidates identified with the former

party chief or regarded as doves include Ora Namir and Haim Ramon, in fifth and sixth places respectively, and Nissim Zvilli, secretary of the moshav movement, who is No. 10.

One of Peres' closest associates, Yossi Beilin, made the list but not among the top 20. So did peace activist Yael Dayan, who is not in the outgoing Knesset.

Doves among top 10

About 14 or 15 of the first 40 are fresh faces. On the other hand, several prominent veterans failed to make the first 40 and are not likely to get elected unless Labor wins by a landslide.

They include former Cabinet ministers Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, Gad Ya'acobi and Ya'acov Tsur.

There was a heavy turnout of voters at 700 polling stations around the country. Because of an embarrassing breakdown of the electronic vote-counting system, results were not known until late Wednesday afternoon.

By then, 95 percent of the approximately 112,000 votes cast had been tallied, and Labor was pleased with the results, which demonstrated solidarity in contrast to the disarray in Likud's top ranks.



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Canada

Human rights vital for free trade: Broadbent

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Mexico's right to be part of a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with Canada and the United States has to be linked to a demonstrated willingness to improve its human rights record, former New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent told an annual lecture sponsored by the Hillel Students Society.

Speaking at the annual prestigious Anne G. Bailey Lecture on Human Rights recently at McGill University, Broadbent, receiving a human rights award named for Bailey, underscored the need for nations to abide by fundamental human rights principles and to make them a condition for trade or economic aid.

Key rights should even be entrenched in the agreement, he said.

"It is simply no longer acceptable for nation states to assert that the doctrine of national sovereignty entails their right to ignore their obligations to implement universal human rights principles," said Broadbent, now president of the Montreal-based International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development.

The most significant example coming to Broadbent's mind was South Africa, where economic sanctions helped bring on the collapse of apartheid.

State rights, Broadbent maintained, have to stay "subservient" both to individual and collective rights.

"The cliché is increasingly true: we do live in a global village...a world-size village increasingly characterized by the rapid global mobility of capital.

Former NDP boss

"To ignore the consequences of this development is to ignore its impact on human rights," he said.

The former NDP leader delved into the philosophical underpinnings of such a policy, especially that "power is a greater determinant of rights than either law or justice," according to British lawyer Stephen Sedley.

He quotes Sedley as appealing to democracies to protect the weak, who

are made that way through the "unequal distribution of power."

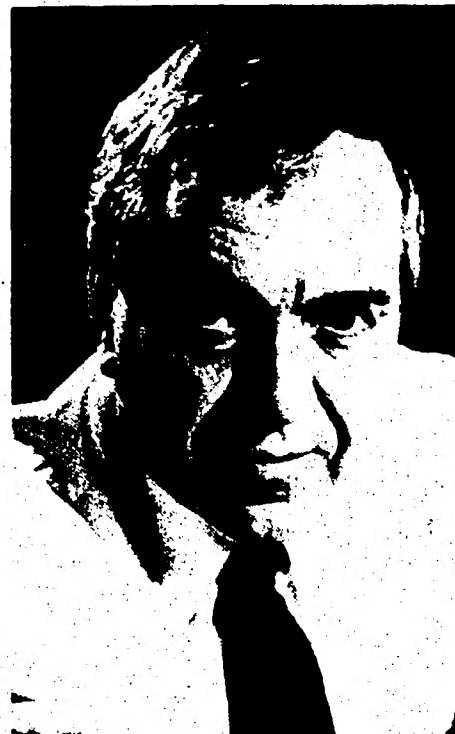
Sedley wrote that human rights, ultimately, are a "brave and fragile assertion that the weak have rights against the strong."

Broadbent said despite some slight progress, Mexico still has a poor human rights record and that this is jeopardizing its participation in a North American free trade deal.

"There is extensive documentation," he said, "on how Mexican government and military officials have not been prosecuted for their human rights abuses, on electoral violence and fraud, as well as violations of the constitutionally guaranteed right of workers to organize independent unions."

Since the trade deal will take effect in three countries, "a level playing field must include a common foundation of certain key rights."

Broadbent said the "strongest option" is to put "minimal key rights" in the body of the NAFTA, to be implemented "with the same rigor" as its



Ed Broadbent

economic and international safeguards — is to establish an "independent monitoring agency" to investigate how workers' rights will be affected by the trilateral agreement.

Broadbent termed the free trade agreement "the ideal opportunity for our governments to illustrate that they agree, that they understand that when it comes to human dignity based on rights, no nation is either sovereign or perfect."

The former NDP leader prefaced his speech by praising Bailey for her work in furthering human rights in Montreal, for her vision in creating the B'nai Brith Women's Organization, and for her "indefatigable commitment to the well-being of others..."

Some within the community opposed Broadbent's appearance before a Hillel-sponsored event in light of a recent article in which he characterized Israel's current settlement policy as an obstacle to peace.

Another option Broadbent supports — within the context of existing domes-

Torontonians share grief over embassy bombing

TORONTO —

Torontonians who participated in a recent international Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal conference in Washington grieved over the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires together with their Argentinian peers.

Young Leadership representatives from Canada and Argentina, as well as others from Venezuela, Brazil and Italy, discussed issues that included the strengthening of bonds between their respective Jewish communities.

"The next day, when we heard of the bombing, we as Canadians felt more

sympathetic and close to that community," said Eli Rubinstein, director of special programs for United Israel Appeal in Toronto. He noted that members of the Canadian contingent wanted to help out financially and with support for the families affected by the blast.

Addressing the group was Tzvi Raviv, Keren Hayesod's international Young Leadership director. He flew in from Israel for the event.

The group discussed ideas and thoughts about the challenges of living

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By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Disagreement with the Likud government's policy on settlements was expressed here recently by Irwin Cotler, professor of law at McGill University and a former president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Cotler called for a freeze on settlements by both Israel and the Palestinians to produce what he called "a level playing field."

He spoke at a meeting of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University held at Leah Posluns Theatre.

"Those who are in favor of the present policy of settlements of the Israeli government will not advance their cause by invoking the name of God," he said. "The Muslims will invoke their own deity. I regard the argument

that the settlements are needed for security as invalid because if there is peace the settlements will be disbanded."

The issue of human rights in the territories must be met "head on" by Israel and the Diaspora "with no retreat and no obscuring of the issue," he said.

The settlement question is responsible for a recent spate of indictments against Israel.

Since "human rights are now the new secular religion," Cotler proposed that Jews worldwide make their own battle for Syrian Jews and against Holocaust deniers part of the larger struggle for rights. "We must go on a human rights offensive," he said.

"There is a tendency of Jews in the Diaspora and Israel to distance themselves from human rights, to describe their proponents as well-intentioned but naive people. We ignore human rights

at our peril because human rights are bound up with Israel's security."

There is a new anti-Jewishness abroad which questions the rights of the Jewish people to live as equal members of the family of nations, Cotler said. "It is an anti-Semitism which marches under the banner of human rights."

Such unfair accusations have been made against Israel and opinion has so hardened against the state "that Israel is now the victim of denial of due process in the international community," he said.

The issues of women's rights and children's rights must be part of the agenda for Jewish rights, he said.

The meeting was sponsored by the New Leadership, Toronto chapter, of Friends of the Hebrew University in co-operation with the Institute for Jewish Learning, Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

NCJW seeking help for Pesach food drive

TORONTO —

For a growing number of Jewish families, Pesach may not be a joyous occasion this year unless much needed kosher food arrives.

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section is expecting to provide kosher-for-Pesach food to over 2,000 people this year during its annual Passover food drive.

To ensure that it can provide what is necessary, the organization is requesting that the community assist in donating, collecting, packing and

distributing the Passover food.

Every basket will contain Passover staples as well as kosher cookies, honey, jam, and canned gefilte fish.

Food may be dropped off at synagogues, day schools or Council House, 5100 Bathurst St. until April 10. (A food collection bag was included in the March 26 issue of *The CJN*. Food delivery will take place on Sunday, April 12, at Council House at 9 a.m.

For further information, please call 633-5100.

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The recession has not yet affected funding to Jewish chronic health care institutions, hospital administrators said. [Yaacov Bauer photo]

Jewish hospitals escape crunch

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The one silver lining in the recessionary cloud could well be the fact that Jewish health care institutions, according to several administrators who spoke to *The CJA*, have by and large not been hurt by the economic downturn in terms of patient care.

The chief reason appears to be that public funding for "Jewish" chronic care institutions — which are in fact public — has not, at least yet, been cut back, administrators said.

Only the Jewish General Hospital, an acute care facility serving the Jewish and non-Jewish communities, has seen a reduction in its public financing, director Henri Elbaz said.

But the amount is less than one percent of its total operating budget and the cutback has applied across the board to all acute care facilities, he said.

Administrators stressed that over-

crowding and accessibility to health care, as well as the spectre of possible future recession-driven provincial cutbacks, continue to hang over all provincial health care institutions. But the first two situations, it was emphasized, existed long before the recession hit and have not appeared to have worsened because of the slumping economy.

Hospital foundations, however — the privately-funded sections of institutions that pay for such areas as research, education, and specialized medical equipment — are facing a bigger task in generating support in light of the recession.

Foundation donations, said the JGH's Elbaz, "are not flowing like in the past."

Isaac Katofsky, director of the Jewish Nursing Home (JNH), a 44-patient residence for seniors needing constant care, said the JNH, which is in the process of relocating from Montreal's east end to the Cote

des Neiges area, is in the process of activating a foundation, but there is concern over the potential effect the recession may have on its efforts.

"We're being cautious because of what's been going on in the business world," he said. "It's all stories of doom and gloom."

Some administrators went so far as to say that the recession has had something of a positive impact.

At the Jewish Hospital of Hope, a 132-patient residence in the east end for advanced age elderly that is also in the process of relocating to the Cote des Neiges area, there have been more applications for employment which "I am sure is due to the recession," said director Melvin Simak.

Joseph Rothbart, director of the Mount Sinai Hospital Centre treating lung diseases, said the turnover of staff has been low at the hospital, which has 107 in-patients.

He said hospitals are also benefiting from the increased competition among suppliers brought about by the recession.

Barbara Gold, director of the Maimonides Hospital Geriatric Centre, with close to 400 patients, said although Maimonides is "always underfunded," she did not think the recession has had an effect on patient care since public funding has not decreased.

However, she said hospital administrators would not really know until June, when they get word on their 1992-93 budgets, whether they face cutbacks attributable to recessionary pressures.

Rothbart said Mount Sinai anticipated a "lower than usual" increase.

He, for one, thought that health care institutions could face labor troubles if the province does not offer unions wages in line with their "original agreement."

But at this point this remains a matter of "conjecture," he said.

Zaionz to run for CJC post

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Charles Zaionz of Toronto has dropped out of the race for president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and instead will run for chairman of the national executive.

At the moment, Professor Irving Abella of Toronto is unopposed as the new president. The election takes place at the CJC plenary May 20-24 in Toronto.

Zaionz said he decided that the attendant costs and potential divisiveness of an election at this time would serve neither the best interests of the community or the CJC.

He has previously served as chairman of CJC's Ontario Region and is



Charles Zaionz
currently the National Vice-President from Ontario. He is also an officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

U.S. seeks Holocaust survivors

NEW YORK —

The U.S. Justice Department has asked the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in locating survivors of the Holocaust who may be of help in the prosecution of Nazi criminals and collaborators still at large.

The department is seeking to identify and interview people who lived in specific areas of Lithuania, Poland or Byelorussia, or who were imprisoned at the concentration camps listed below:

- Residents of Swdniki (Sudniki), Nowogrodek, Poland or Zareche, Byelorussia during the period from 1937 to 1942. The WJC particularly wants to speak with witnesses to the murder, persecution and deportation

of civilians to ghettos and concentration camps by German armed forces and their agents.

- Residents of Kaunas, Lithuania, or of the area in and around Minsk, Byelorussia during the period from 1941 to 1942. The WJC particularly seeks witnesses to the murder and persecution of civilians at Forts VII and IX in Kaunas, and in the area in and around Minsk during the fall and winter of 1941-42.

- Residents of Krakow, Poland during 1941-42, particularly witnesses to the taking of property and homes, and the murder and persecution of civilians by German armed forces and their agents.

- Persons imprisoned at

Buna/Monowitz in 1942, Jaworzo-
no/Neu-Dachs, and Janinagrube
(and other related subcamps and coal mines) from mid-1942 through liberation, and/or who went on evacuation marches from those camps in January 1945.

Please note that the Justice Department is currently seeking only survivors of the particular Auschwitz sub-camps listed above during the particular periods specified, and not survivors of other parts of Auschwitz.

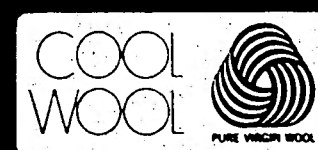
Individuals who can be of assistance in these investigations are to contact: Mr. Sidney Gruber, 501 Madison Avenue, 17th floor, New York, NY 10022-5602, telephone (212) 755-5770.



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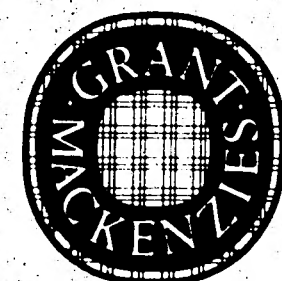
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The Economy Crisis in the Community?

This week CJN reporters Paul Lungen, David Lazarus and Elias Levy look at how patients are being affected by cutbacks in the health care system. Last in the series.

Quality of medical care strained by finances, says Crohn's patient

By
ELIAS LEVY

MONTREAL —

Since she was 16, Rachel Brown has suffered from Crohn's disease, a chronic intestinal condition which progressively destroys intestinal bacterial flora and seriously damages the nerve centres of the large and small intestine, like the colon and the ileum.

Now 35, Brown is hospitalized an average of five or six times a year, sometimes for several weeks at a time. Since the onset of her illness, she has already had 11 operations.

Familiar with hospitals and health institutions, she is thoroughly convinced that the draconian budget restraints placed on health care institutions in Quebec since the beginning of the 1980s are having extremely harmful repercussions on the quality of care given in hospitals, particularly to patients who, like her, suffer from chronic illnesses.

Frequently hospitalized since her arrival in Quebec in 1975, in the Oncology Department of the Jewish General Hospital of Montreal, she can notice a perceptible deterioration in the services and medical care given in that institution.

"However," she says categorically, "this truly alarming state of affairs is not unique to a few institutions. No hospital has escaped this distressing situation. Hospital administrators have been forced to impose budgetary restraints on most services, particularly on staffing levels."

Divided into two sections, the Oncology Department of JGHM has approximately 36 to 38 beds, she says. At the moment, during the night shift (from 11:30 p.m. until 7 a.m.) only two nurses are available to provide the necessary medical care to all the patients in that department.

They must administer medication, including antibiotics and intravenous. They are assisted by one nursing assistant, who helps to move disabled patients in their beds while they are being cared for. Several years ago, Brown says, six or seven nurses worked full-time on the night shift in that department.

During the day, a maximum of six or seven nurses provide service. Twelve years ago there were nearly three times as many: 16 to 18 permanent staff were on duty during the day in the oncology ward.

This perceptible decrease in hospital staff — whose workload has been substan-

tially increased — is reflected, Brown says, in the quality of care. Under these difficult conditions, she notes, it is the elderly, particularly those who do not have all their physical or mental faculties, who suffer the most.

Several years ago, especially during the day, there were numerous assistants who carefully watched over the elderly to make sure they ate their meals on time. "That's not the case today," she says. "Because they are fewer, the dietary assistants don't work only on one floor. They're forced to serve, practically simultaneously, patients on three or four floors."

In spite of the enormous budgetary sacrifices they're asked to make, the administrators of the Jewish General put forth immeasurable efforts, Brown says, to maintain the quality of the care and services they offer. "The cutbacks are a challenge they have to meet. And truly," she adds, "to apply the axe is no easy task."

One thing is certain, she insists. There is a risk that the economic recession we are now experiencing will seriously accentuate the already acute financial difficulties of our hospital system.

"This dismal economic situation also has very negative repercussions on the mental and physical health of many individuals and families, forced to confront daily the bitter realities of this crisis, which doesn't seem yet to be resolving itself. There are a lot of people suffering from distress and anxiety who are going to hospital emergency wards in order to see a doctor quickly, without having to make an appointment in advance."

In effect, the emergency wards are overflowing with patients. The doctors, says Brown, are "often overwhelmed by the extent of the job put on them. Their working hours are, very often, inhuman. This situation can't help but exacerbate even further an already tense situation." For example, very often, she claims, only one doctor is on duty on the oncology ward on weekends.

The recession increases the ongoing difficulties the sick have in obtaining a regular supply of medication, the cost of which is becoming more and more exorbitant, Brown says. "Not everybody has private health insurance, or benefits from certain special health insurance programs — for example, for the elderly — that cover the cost of these medications. Buying them is becoming, at times, a 'luxury' which a lot of needy people can no longer afford."

Hospitals cut back staff to meet reduced budgets

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For hospital administrators, staff and even patients, Wed. April 1 was a sort of health services D-Day.

It was the day in which a new fiscal year began, the primary feature of which was coping with a meagre 1 per cent provincial funding increase at a time of rising salaries, employee benefits and other expenses.

The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, a primary caregiver to elderly patients in the Jewish community, announced the layoffs of 14 staff people out of a total complement of 700. In the prior year, when administrators could already see tough times ahead, 42 positions were reduced through retirement and employee resignations.

On April 1, Mount Sinai Hospital, facing a projected \$6.1 million shortfall, laid off 59 full time and 31 part time employees — this despite taking numerous cost-cutting and revenue-enhancing measures.

North York General Hospital, located at Leslie and Sheppard, is still preparing its 1992-93 budget, said communications director Ruth Lewkowicz. With an initial projection of a \$2.5 million deficit in its \$90 million budget, the hospital months ago implemented a hiring freeze as well as entrepreneurial revenue-generating programs and aggressive cost-cutting in a bid to get the deficit under control.

North York Branson Hospital, at Finch near Bathurst, initially projected a \$2.5 million deficit, but it too has been forced to develop strategies to balance its budget through income-producing projects and expense reductions, said Shelley Nolan, the hospital's director of community relations.

The Baycrest complex, considered a world leader in the provision of senior care, has been planning for tough times for two years, said Moshe Greengarten, vice-president of public and community affairs.

The centre's administration realized years ago, even when it was receiving from the provincial government a 6 per cent funding increase, that with the economy in a downturn and federal transfers to provinces being reduced, hospitals would have to make do with less, said Stephen Herbert, Baycrest's president and CEO.

With a projected deficit of \$1 million on a \$75 million budget, and with only one collective agreement signed with its registered nurses (who are slated to receive a 5 per cent raise in 1992/93), Baycrest realized savings had to come from somewhere, Herbert said.



Stephen Herbert

About one year ago, Baycrest's board of directors mandated the administration to come up with a plan to cope with the tough financial times. The board included several key caveats: not to close any beds or any programs (unless ineffective); not to reduce the quality of care; and not to place too great a workload on any one group of employees.

As a result, Baycrest has reduced its expenses by converting to more efficient lighting fixtures, reducing the frequency of office cleaning, obtaining better prices for supplies, photocopying less frequently, reducing staff on weekends and eliminating 12 per cent of management positions.

Despite the changes, on April 1, 14 employees were laid off — far below the initially-projected number of 35, Herbert said.

Nursing services were also reorganized with the goal to providing the same services as before in a more efficient manner, though with fewer people.

The Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA), which houses seniors who are mobile and lucid, will admit more frail residents requiring a higher level of care. A number of registered nursing assistant (RNAs) are also being reassigned from the Baycrest Hospital (which houses those in need of more constant care) and health care aids from

the JHA are being reassigned into the mix of nursing staff at the hospital.

Greengarten said management, staff and patients' family members have met to discuss the changes and the reasons for them.

"People are concerned," he acknowledges. "I think people generally have confidence that the board and management are doing their best to minimize the negative repercussions for staff and clients. We believe good service relies on good employee morale. That's why we work so hard at it."

Sharon Fiorelli, president of local 143 of the Ontario Nurses Association, credits Baycrest for being good place in which to work. But "staff morale is at rock bottom," she says. People are upset with some aspects of the reorganization.

"I really was unhappy that the permanent, long term day employees were affected," Fiorelli said. "They've given their hearts and souls" and despite up to 18 years service, some were taken out of their work units and placed in other ones.

Fiorelli said nurses hold no resentment towards management, but there is concern over the possible gradual reduction in level of service. With fewer people delivering care, "I think patients will have to wait longer for services." There will be less time for the "extra little things, like chatting [with patients] for 10 minutes during a bed bath... such as sitting there, holding their hand."

Rikki Greenman agrees that the staff reductions may mean some patients have to wait longer for meals or to be put to bed.

Patients requiring the greatest attention will continue to get the best care, she suggested, while those who are mobile and lucid may complain.

Greenman recalls that when her mother first became a patient in the JHA 12 years ago, "I was one of the more vocal complainers. Now I realize how the system operates."

Greenman said she is now aware of the enormous costs of care as well as the demands on staff. She said as organizer of "the 10th floor [family] group," she pushed for various changes that have benefitted the patients throughout the JHA.

Baycrest has been responsive to families' concerns and prior to the changes, management discussed the centre's problems with residents, families and staff, requesting their input, she said.

"I personally think that even with the changes, because of the better use of people, we may see better care," she said.

Greenman agreed that some family members are apprehensive about the changes, but she believes the more they are made aware of them, the more their apprehensions will be addressed.

She said she has noticed no deterioration in the morale of health care aides (those who make beds, bathe and dress patients). Some are quite happy to be given new tasks to perform, she added.

Maureen Gans is "patient representative" at Mount Sinai — a liaison between patients, administration and staff.

Gans said a high proportion of the complaints and concerns she receives come from "older patients. They are used to staying as long as they like," she said.

The recession's impact on the hospital means patients will stay for shorter periods and others will be treated on an outpatient basis, as long as their health is not at risk, she said. That means they must be better prepared before they check in to the facility.

If the realities of the situation are explained to them, they are better able to adjust to the new realities, she said.

Gans said patient questionnaires over the past few months haven't indicated any rise in displeasure over services at the hospital.

Mount Sinai spokesman Jodi Macpherson said staff layoffs were a last option for hospital administrators. Despite cost-cutting measures, "we are committed not to jeopardize the quality of patient care in this institution. It's something we take a great pride in and wanted to continue intact."

Like other hospitals, Mount Sinai is restructuring its staff's tasks and is moving more towards outpatient care.

Judith Lyew, patient representative at the 318-bed Branson hospital, said the institution has also been reorganizing itself to offer services more efficiently. She believes that from the patient's point of view, "nothing has changed yet."

In the past three months, she adds, the number of complaints she has received have tailed off from previous numbers.

Shelley Nolan, director of communications for Branson, said that like other hospitals, costs are being slashed and the hospital is moving in the direction of greater outpatient care.

Staff has been cut only through attrition and the state of morale is one of "uncertainty," she said. There is more tension. "Everyone knows that things are being changed," though no layoffs have been announced.

As a result of various cost-cutting and revenue-enhancing measures, the hospital has improved its financial picture from an initially-projected deficit of \$2.5 million to a balanced budget, she said.

Medical services realigned

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Six weeks ago, Ellen's 80-year-old father experienced an accident that unfortunately befalls many people his age.

Early one morning, as he walked around his unmade bed, Philip tripped and fell. He immediately began experiencing pain and was in too much discomfort to stand or walk.

Ellen (not her real name) called an ambulance and despite her father's offer to treat the para-medical attendants to bagels on the way to the hospital, they were quickly taken to Mount Sinai's emergency room.

Eventually Philip was diagnosed with a pelvic fracture. Ellen was told by the attending physician that there was no surgical procedure to correct the injury, that time and nature would take care of it. She was informed there were no beds available and she recalls being told that relatives must take a greater role in providing health care for family members.

Although her father, who had a history of heart trouble, had been living with her for years, Ellen balked at the prospects of an immediate discharge.

"He can't walk even one step, I work full time and I can't even get

him to the bathroom," she recalls saying.

After receiving a second opinion from an orthopedic specialist, it was decided to keep him for a few days until he became more mobile. After a 10-day stay her father was transferred to a convalescent hospital, where he remains, receiving therapy for his injury.

Although a strong supporter of the quality of care provided by Mount Sinai, Ellen says the staff at the hospital appeared "very busy running around." She said her father did not get the personalized attention he had received in previous hospital stays.

"I wasn't resentful," she says, "but he was. He's old and didn't understand. Still, they spent a lot of time explaining to him that things aren't what they used to be and he has to learn to do more for himself."

That attitude is part of a long term trend of pushing responsibility for care back to the family and patient, said Dr. Paul Freedman, an attending physician at Mount Sinai.

Financial realities — fewer government dollars at a time of rising expenses — have forced hospitals to rethink the way they provide medical services. Those circumstances may in fact be the silver lining in the dark cloud of economic crunch, he believes.

"We can't afford a system where

people plunk themselves down and say: 'Take care of me.'" Freedman says.

Despite recessionary times, Mount Sinai will continue to provide medical services in the hospital for those who can't take care of themselves or who need special procedures. But there is a move to more outpatient care and shorter stays.

While that move is driven by economics, it may very well be the best way to proceed medically, he adds.

Freedman sounds a cautionary note, one echoed in the first-hand experiences of Ellen at Mount Sinai. Budgetary realities means fewer staff to perform the same duties as before. That means less time to spend with each patient, more pressure on remaining staff and an increased chance for errors.

Ellen recalls that "because [my father] is on so many medications, and they were so busy, at first there were problems in the administration of the [right quantity of] medication."

Freedman says he tells patients to ask more questions and to generally "be vigilant."

He also feels that family members are becoming more important in providing supportive care. "A lot more onus is placed on the family. If the family doesn't pick up the slack, the patient suffers."

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Another student was tracking down his mother's original name Bechovsky. This looks like it derives from the shtetl Bykhow in White Russia in the vicinity of Gomel.

Another student is surnamed Dveris. I suspect that the bearer of this name is a good Litvack. His name may derive from a shtetl in Lithuania called Dvoretz, which appears also in the name Dvoretzky.

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Nissim/Koren

Israel's minister of industry and trade, Moshe Nissim, recently spent six days in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, meeting with Canadian government officials, including international trade minister Michael Wilson, as well as potential investors. As leader of the Liberal faction in the governing Likud coalition, Nissim also serves as deputy prime minister and he heads up the Likud re-election campaign. Nissim, along with Tzvi Koren, director general of the industry and trade ministry, spoke to The CJN's Paul Lungen about their Canadian visit.

CJN: Can you tell us why you came to Canada and what you hope to accomplish here?

Nissim: The main point is to participate in negotiations of the joint economic committee (JEC) between Israel and Canada, to strengthen the economic relations between the two countries. That is the main goal but we [also] have some new ideas, some projects [to suggest].

Koren: Yesterday [in Toronto] we had technological seminars with 40 Israeli companies [and with] more than 80 Canadian participants.

It was divided into two events. One was the main seminar where they received information about Israel. And then one-to-one meetings, organized by the Canadian government, [were held]. It was [later] repeated in Montreal.

CJN: Has the Israeli cabinet make a decision to go around the world to try to increase business?

Nissim: Yes. A year-and-a-half ago, our ministry introduced to the cabinet a bold program [suggesting ways] of promoting and accelerating the growth of our economy. [Its goal is] to encourage investments in Israel, to create more jobs for the immigrants from the Soviet Union. We have started to implement this plan.

We have gone to the United States, to Mexico, England, France and we are now in Canada. We met yesterday and meet today with businessmen to discuss with them ideas [pertaining] to investment in Israel.

CJN: Are there any particular sectors of the economy that you are focusing on? Is there something in particular that you want to promote?

Nissim: In Israel we now have a special combination that makes [it] perhaps the most attractive country for investment. First are the incentives that we give to entrepreneurs; second, we have a lot of brains, highly skilled manpower in large quantities; and third is the free trade agreement (FTA) that Israel has with the United States and with the European Community (EC).

We are the only country in the world that has two FTA agreements with the two biggest markets in the world, Europe and the United States. And I can add that we will sign an agreement within [a few] months with the six countries in Europe that are not members of the EC: Switzerland, Austria, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

This is very important for any businessman or entrepreneur from Canada. He can create an enterprise in Israel and receive all the incentives, the skilled manpower at low cost and sell the products in Europe without paying duty.

This is an opportunity for any businessman and we need to explain this opportunity to investors.

We need in Israel some hundreds of thousands of new jobs within [a few] years because of immigration from the Soviet Union. This is why we have to promote and accelerate the business sector in Israel; because we have to absorb the immigrants in the business sector, not in the public sector.

By promoting the high tech industries [we can] create jobs. Israel is a small country with five million citizens. If we want to create a lot of jobs, the way is by increasing exports. . . . I can tell you that in Israel we have doubled, perhaps tripled investment. [Mostly] by local investors but also by foreign investors.

CJN: One of the criticisms of doing business in Israel is that there is always a lot of bureaucratic red tape. What has been done to counter that?

Nissim: We in our ministry, in the investment sector, decided to relieve and to cancel the red tape. If every year we approved 300 enterprises, now in one month we approve 177 enterprises. And in one year, we can approve 1,000, perhaps more. Instead of [an approval period of] two months or half a year, now we can approve every enterprise within one week to one month.

CJN: Has that resulted in a jump in the number of foreign investors?



Nissim: Yes. Forty percent of the investments that we approved last year involved foreign currency or foreign investors.

We have in Israel a lot of multinational companies that came to Israel to invest, such as Motorola, Intel, Vishay, National Semiconductors, and KLA.

They don't invest only one time. Intel invested in Israel \$120 million [and then a few] months ago we approved a plan in Haifa for a \$30 million investment. And in Jerusalem now the plan is to add a \$150 million [investment]. They will be making semiconductors.

CJN: You mentioned in previous remarks that one of the things you hoped to accomplish in Canada was to discuss a free trade agreement with Canada. How close are you to accomplishing that?

Nissim: We offered a FTA to the Canadian government. I think it will benefit the two countries. I mentioned that we will sign a FTA with [six European states].

[If Canada doesn't agree to a FTA] it would be better for Israel to buy from [European] countries because we don't pay customs. If Canada wants Israel to buy its products, the government has to sign a FTA with us and we can continue to buy from Canada.

CJN: Do you plan to sign a FTA while you are here or are these only preliminary negotiations?

Nissim: Not immediately. It takes time. You know Canada has an experience with FTA with the United States and I don't know if Canada now wants to continue the system of free trade. I don't know.

CJN: Is there anything else you plan to discuss with Mr. Wilson in terms of enhancing trade between Canada and Israel, perhaps the reduction of tariff barriers?

Koren: [One element] is the reduction of duties on both sides. The other is raising a fund for mutual research and development (R & D). We want to copy a system we have with the Americans in a fund called the BIRD (Bi-lateral R & D) Foundation, [in which two companies, one from each side, apply for R & D grants]. It's a very successful fund that has already supported 300 mutual projects.

As long as both apply, we don't care where the R & D is done. It has developed into such a successful program that we have more than half a billion dollars raised from this R & D.

We [also] want to raise Canadian restrictions on "dual-purpose products" that . . . could be used militarily or for civilian use.

And we want to send missions to each country to exchange know-how, information.

Nissim: I have asked Mr. Wilson and Ed Philip, Ontario's minister of industry, trade and technol-

ogy to send a mission of industrialists to Israel to examine every idea for creating joint ventures.

CJN: Some people think that Israel is too volatile a place to business, that because Israel faces conflict, they won't do business there. Have you run into that obstacle?

Nissim: You have to remember that Motorola, National Semiconductor, KLA, Vishay and perhaps 30 or 40 American multinational companies have in Israel a branch [plant], a factory or an enterprise and that KLA and Motorola show a lot of profit. They sell their products all over the world. If the political situation disturbs entrepreneurs, why did those multinational companies come to Israel?

This is an excuse but not a good reason to not invest in Israel. When you come to Israel to invest, you come to produce products for export. The market for export is Europe, the United States, Canada, not the Arab countries surrounding Israel.

CJN: Let's turn to the loan guarantee issue. In your view, how important, economically speaking, would it be for Israel to get those guarantees and how bad would it be for Israel if it didn't?

Nissim: First of all, I don't see the connection between a humanitarian issue and a political issue. It is not correct to involve political issues with humanitarian issues.

We need the guarantees only to promote and accelerate the growth of our economy, to create jobs for immigrants. And we said that we will use the money only for this purpose. . . . I can assure you that Israel will overcome all our problems.

CJN: I'd like to ask you about a story we ran in The CJN about a year ago about a Canadian firm that wanted to do business in Israel by selling inexpensive housing for immigrants there. After much negotiation it was turned down.

Koren: (Hebrew) Americans beat them out.

Nissim: When immigrants came for the first time, many companies from around the world offered to create a factory in Israel for prefabricated housing. But Israel didn't need so many enterprises. We have in Israel some enterprises and if immigration will not [reach the proportions it did] in the past, we don't need more enterprises. It was a special, one-time boom.

Koren: We had 200,000 immigrants and we had no roofs for them. Israel at that time needed a boom in housing, apartments. It was one time. Now we don't need it in such size.

The ones who won the biggest contract were your competitors, the Americans, and they didn't pay duty, whereas the Canadians have to pay duty.

Nissim: You know why, because of the FTA.



Unique Israeli school program brings Jews, Arabs together

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Two-and-a-half kilometres from the green line that separates Israel from the territories, Arab and Jewish students gather every week or two in a remarkable educational program known as "children teaching children."

While the children help each other learn the other's language, history, cultural heritage and religious observances, they are also teaching each other something equally important: that they can get along.

Doron Shochat, director of Israel's Department of Education for Democracy and Co-existence, said the program at the Givat Haviva Institute is one of the most effective in Israel for promoting co-existence and good relations. The program is especially effective because it takes place during the school day, indicating to students it is considered a regular educational matter. It also brings Israeli Arab and Jewish teachers together in a co-operative atmosphere, he said.

Speaking recently to a small group of educators at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Shochat said that of the 2,600 schools in Israel, about 600 are involved in various non-compulsory projects designed to foster understanding between Arabs and Jews.

Shochat said his government department assists 45 voluntary Israeli organizations in bringing co-existence programs to schools. It also "arranges mixed groups of educators and teachers to meet to discuss ways of dealing with controversial issues in the classroom, as well as normal class-

room problems."

Shochat said that in some cases, the department will finance some of the privately-operated special programs, such as the art program at Givat Haviva.



Doron Shochat

A display of 60 paintings produced by Jewish and Arab students from the town's school and a nearby Arab village will be on display for one month in Toronto's Harbourfront beginning April 26. Canadian Jewish Congress and the Givat Haviva Institute are co-sponsoring the show.

Shochat said a variety of innovative programs bring Jewish and Arab students together throughout the school year, as well as their teachers.

In Jaffa, children from 40 kindergartens meet at least once a year for picnics and to play and eat together. Their teachers must co-operate in

planning and executing the program, he said.

In Haifa and the north, children visit each other's schools to have a meal and learn about each other's heritage.

Students from Tiberias and a nearby Arab village meet weekly to work on a colorful stone mosaic — "a new use for stones," quipped one of the Canadian educators present.

Students at other schools study drama and at the end of the year, put on a show for their parents and people from the neighborhood, usually focusing on the theme of peace, Shochat said.

Israeli pupils in grades 3 and 4 are taught local geography, in part taking them to visit nearby Arab villages. Junior high pupils must take a course on Arabs in Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict, he said, and the department assists teachers deal with the often controversial subject matter.

Not every teacher is ready for that program, both for political and disciplinary reasons. Many opt for less controversial programs, such as computer education, that are also available, he said.

The educators also heard from Shuli Dichter, Givat Haviva's overseas representative in Toronto. He said the institute provides "an interdisciplinary meeting point for Jews and Arabs."

The Institute was founded in 1949 and is located in the Sharon Valley, northeast of Netanya.

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Neve Shalom school program seen useful model for Canada

TORONTO —

Jewish and Arab students at Neve Shalom are participating in a unique bilingual and bicultural program, parts of which can be applied to Canadian schools, a Toronto educator believes.

Grace Feuerverger, assistant professor in the Joint Centre for Teacher Development at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, said Jewish and Arab children attending school in Neve Shalom learn to co-exist at a very young age.

Stereotypes are broken down and appreciation for each other's cultures are developed at the village's school, she said.

During the Christmas holiday season, Feuerverger spent three weeks in Neve Shalom, a joint Jewish-Arab village dedicated to peaceful co-existence.

As a specialist in issues of language and culture, she said she went to Israel on a "cultural anthropological study" of the Neve Shalom education system.

She said about 60 children in grades 1 through 6, most from Neve Shalom but also from nearby Arab villages, attend classes. Each class features an Arab and a Jewish teacher, sometimes jointly running the class.

Brought together at a young age, the children learn Hebrew and Arabic simultaneously, with some subjects taught in Hebrew, others in Arabic.

The school celebrates Christian, Jewish and Muslim holidays and uses religious observances as an opportunity to teach the children about their classmates.

Teachers in Neve Shalom have adopted an innovative approach to teaching grammar, she said. They ask

children to compose sentences about Christmas or Chanukah and then ask their help in putting the sentences into story form on a computer. A similar approach, in which children learn grammar while absorbing the story contents, could be useful in Canada, she said.

"I noticed a lot of positive feeling and cheeriness," she said. "There was a very industrious feeling, a great sense that they were getting along."

She said she saw tremendous goodwill displayed in classroom discussions on current events, with both

sides attempting to appreciate the other's point of view.

Preparation for the classes also brings the Jewish and Arab teachers together, she added.

Feuerverger said the village also holds a School for Peace for 16- and 17-year-olds, where on a monthly basis, students from across Israel participate in a three-day workshop. Facilitators try to break down barriers and fears between Jewish and Arab kids and "get them to see the other as individuals," she said.

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Arab and Jewish classmates and friends at Neve Shalom school.

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אין די נאענטע עטלעכע טעג ווערן פאר צייכנט דריי גרויסע נאציאנאלע דאטעס אין דער געשיכטע פון יידישן פאלק: דער יום־טוב פסח; דער 49־טער יארטאג פון אויפשטאנד אין דער ווארשעווער געטא און דער 44־טער יום העצמאות — דער געבוירטאג פון מדינת ישראל. עס איז ניט צופעליק, וואס אלע דריי געשעענישן פאלן זיך צוזאמען כמעט אין דער זעלבער צייט. אלע דריי סימבאליזירן דעם דורות־לאנגן קאמף פון יידישן פאלק קעגן פארפאלגונג, אונטערדריקונג און פאר־שקלאפונג. קעגן די שונאים, וואס האבן אונדז געוואלט אפשווישן. פארניכטן און ערקרן מן השורש זיין. די דריי געשעענישן סימבאליזירן אויך דעם דראג צו פרייהייט און נאציאנאלער זעלבסטשטענדיקייט ביי יידן אין אלע דורות. מיט 44 יאר צוריק איז אט־דער טיפער באגער געקרינט געווארן. מיט דערפאלג דורך דער עטאליאניזם פון מדינת ישראל.

עס ווערט געזאגט, אז דאס יידישע פאלק איז געגליכן צו דעם סימבאלישן ברענענדיקן דארן. וואס משה רבינו האט געזען אין מדבר. דעם דארן וואס האט געברענט אין פייער און איז ניט פארצערט געווארן. דור נאך דור האבן שונאים געזוכט אונדזער פאלק צו פארטיליקן, אבער דער פלאקערדיקער דארן איז געבליבן ניט־פארצערט. די פייער, וואס האבן געברענט במשך פון 43 טעג אין דער ווארשעווער געטא האבן ניט געקאנט דערשטיקן דעם באגער נאך פרייהייט און די אנטשלאסנקייט צו גיין אויף קידוש השם. כדי צו פארהיטן די עקזיסטענץ און דעם כבוד פון פאלק.

פסח איז דער יום־טוב פון באפרייאונג. צו דער הגדה של פסח, דער געשיכטע פון שקלאפריי און דערלייזונג. זיינען זינט דער צייט פון יציאת מצרים צוגעשריבן געווארן נאך א סך קאפיטלען, דער בלוטקסטער און הערלעכסטער איז דער פון העראישן ווידערשטאנד אין דער ווארשעווער געטא. עס איז ניט צופעליק, וואס היטלער האט אויסגעקליבן די ערשטע סדר־נאכט פאר זיין פארווך צו ליקוידירן די רעשטלעך פון ווארשעווער יידנטום. עס איז אויך סימבאליש, וואס יענער אונט האט מיט זיך פארגעשטעלט דעם אנהויב פון ארגאניזירטן ווידערשטאנד מצד די פארפלינקטע, אונטערדריקטע און אויסגע־הונגערטע יידן צום בלוטיקן היטלעריום.

די העלדישקייט פון די קעמפער אין דער ווארשעווער געטא האט אנגערעגט טויזנטער צום קאמף פאר זייער פרייהייט.

דער פונק אין די בערג אש פון ווארשעווער געטא, וועלכן די היטלעריסטן האבן ניט געקענט פארלעשן. האט געהאלפן צעפלאקערן דעם פלאם פון אנטשלאסנקייט אין די הערצער פון די יידן אין ארץ ישראל און איבער דער גאנצער וועלט פארן רעכט צו נאציאנאלער עקזיסטענץ. צום 49־טן יארטאג פון ווארשעווער געטא־אויפשטאנד מוזן מיר זיין אויף דער וואך. די וואקסנדיקע געפאר פון אנטיסעמיטיזם אין אמעריקע, אין די אייראפייאישע לענדער און אויך ביי אונדז אין קאנאדע, איז א סיגנאל, אז דער סם פון היטלעריזם איז נאך ניט אויסגעראטן געווארן. ווען מיר פייערן דעם יום־טוב פסח און דערציילן די געשיכטע ווי אזוי יידן האבן זיך געראטעוועט פון מצרשער שקלאפערריי, טרען מיר ניט פארגעסן די מאדערנע פרעסס, וואס באדראען אונדזער פאלק און די זעלבסטשטענדיקייט, פירן און עקזיסטענץ פון מדינת ישראל. אייביקע וואכזאמקייט איז דער פרייז פון פרייהייט!

מיר בויגן אונדזערע קעפ אין טיפן טרויער און יראת־הכבוד פארן הייליקן אנדעק פון די געפאלענע העלדן אין דער ווארשעווער געטא. מיט שטאלץ דערציילן מיר אונדזערע קינדער און קינדס־קינדער די הגדה פון פסח און די „נייע הגדה“. מיט גרויס שטאלץ און באוואונדערונג סאלוטירן מיר מדינת ישראל צום 44־טן יום העצמאות און דריקן אויס די האפענונג, אז ישראל וועט געניסן פון זיכערהייט, פרידן און עקאנאמישן וואוילזיין, און אז די יידן פון אלע לענדער וועלן לעבן אין פרייהייט און פולער גלייכבארעכטיקונג אומעטום! ש.ל.

Wild car chase results in death of Palestinians

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A wild car chase in the Gaza Strip, with firebombs exploding between an Arab vehicle and pursuing Israeli border police, was part of a train of events that left at least four Palestinians dead last week and anywhere from 10 to 30 injured.

Israeli and Palestinian sources gave different versions of the incident, which began in Rafah, at the southern end of the territory, near the Egyptian border, and ended with a general curfew clamped on the town.

According to the Israel Defence Force, a hand grenade was thrown from a car at a military post in Rafah.

No one was hurt, but border police who recognized the vehicle gave chase in a jeep through the town's streets.

According to the IDF, the fleeing Arabs ran over three local residents and threw several gasoline bombs at the jeep. One set it ablaze, but the occupants escaped and opened fire on the fugitives, reportedly killing two of them.

At that point, riots broke out, in which one border policeman was slightly hurt.

It was not immediately clear whether all of the occupants of the fleeing vehicle were apprehended.

Four bodies were brought to a local hospital, along with 10 wounded. Arab sources reported 30 people injured.

Palestinian sources said border police chasing the activists opened fire on a crowd that surrounded their jeep in the marketplace of a Rafah refugee camp, killing at least three.

More fatalities occurred when clashes spread to other parts of the camp, the sources said.



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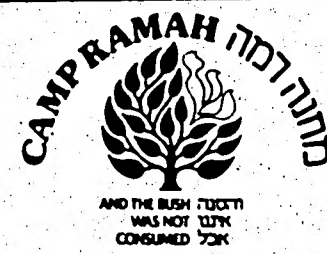


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Levy returns to cabinet

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

David Levy, having scored a stunning victory in a political poker game with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, withdrew his resignation Sunday, only hours before he was to have submitted it to the Cabinet.

At a triumphant noon news conference, he read out the long list of concessions Shamir had made in order to keep Levy and his faction firmly within the Likud camp for the June 23 Knesset elections.

Levy did his about-face exactly a week after telling supporters that he was quitting as foreign minister and deputy premier in the Likud government because his differences with Shamir and the party leadership had become irreconcilable.

But now, having been guaranteed the No. 2 spot in the Likud hierarchy and key positions for his allies in the top ranks of party, government and national institutions, Levy vowed to "heal the wounds" and work hard for victory at the polls.

"The agreement meets with my full satisfaction," an ebullient Levy told reporters.

Shamir, who only a week earlier was calling Levy's resignation threat a "joke," reportedly admitted to ministerial colleagues that he signed an agreement acceding to virtually all of Levy's demands because he feared the damage his departure could do to the party with elections less than three months off.

Political observers questioned, however, whether Likud's internal political crisis is indeed over.

While Shamir apparently has satisfied Levy, he disgruntled other Likud leaders, notably Defence Minister Moshe Arens, one of his closest associates and allies.



David Levy

Arens accused Shamir on Sunday of "cracking" under Levy's pressure.

He wondered aloud whether the worst damage had not already been inflicted by Levy's long, embittered March 29 speech to supporters in Herzliya, in which he enumerated his grievances against Shamir and accused party leaders of slights he hinted might have stemmed from anti-Sephardi bias.

Arens has cause to be embittered in turn. Although the Likud Central Committee slotted him second after Shamir when it selected the party's election slate on March 1-2, Levy, who fell to the fourth spot, would rank above him in a new Likud government.

Shamir promised in writing that Levy would retain the offices of foreign minister and deputy premier in any government, "whatever its composition," in which Likud is a central partner.

This means that in the event of another unity government with the Labor Party, Shamir and Levy — not Shamir and Arens — would occupy two of the four top ministerial posts: premier, defence, foreign affairs and finance.

Implicit in Levy's disaffection was the possibility that the Moroccan-born foreign minister would establish a political party of his own to compete in the elections. In the closely contested election now shaping up, the loss of two or three seats to a new party could spell defeat for Likud.

Meanwhile, a beaming Levy read out the terms of the agreement to the news media.

In addition to being guaranteed one of the four top portfolios in any cabinet, Levy would have the right to select one additional minister from among the Likud faction "identified with him."

Levy's camp was guaranteed "due representation" on Knesset committees, including committee chairmanships. It would have the power to appoint one member of the Jewish Agency Executive. Levy, along with Police Minister Ronni Milo, will recommend the composition of the Likud delegation to the World Zionist Congress this summer.

In addition, Levy got Shamir to promise to exert his influence to have the outgoing Knesset pass the so-called "Norwegian Law."

The measure would require everyone appointed to the Cabinet to resign their Knesset seat, making way for the next person on the party list.

Several Levy men, relegated to the bottom of the Likud list, would stand a better chance of entering the Knesset.

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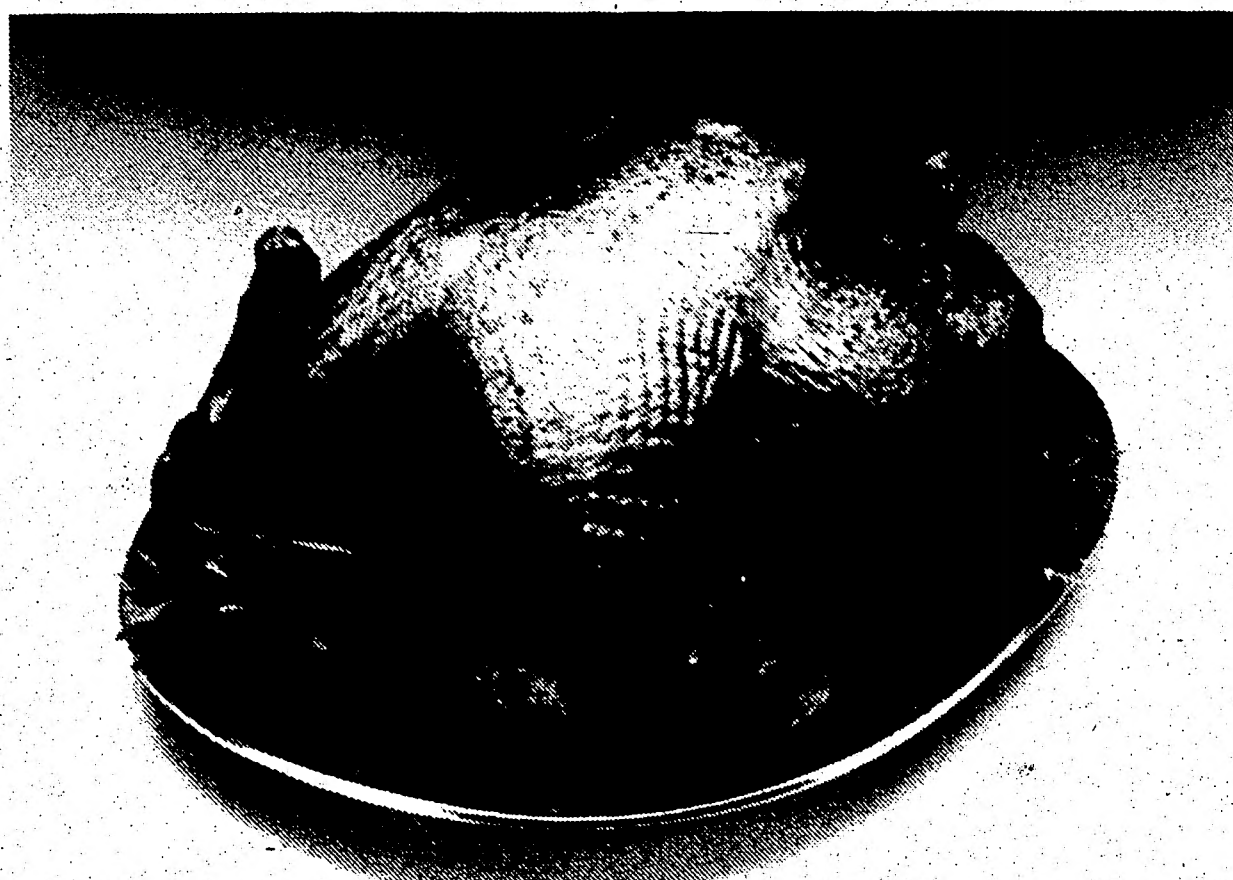
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Congress reacts to Richler's attack

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Mordecai Richler didn't strike a raw nerve only among Quebecois in the wake of the recent publication of his book, *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!*

In last week's *CJN*, Richler also let loose at Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec region — and officials there are not happy about it, to say the least.

Probably the choicest adjectives in Richler's barrage were "pusillanimous" and "mealy-mouthed," to describe the Congress response to the book and to Richler's claim that Quebec is more anti-Semitic than the rest of Canada.

Perhaps most annoying to Richler was that Congress responded in the first place — as if, he said, "they have any responsibility for what I say."

But for officials at CJC, the situation has hardly been that cut and dried. And, beyond that, executive director Michael Crelinsten said in a lengthy interview, Richler has been guilty of "misrepresentation," distortions, "sweeping generalizations" and has even been "intellectually dishonest" both on the anti-Semitism and racism issues and in his criticism of the organization.

To bolster CJC's case, Crelinsten pointed repeatedly to the organization's two separate responses — one published last fall in the wake of Richler's initial *New Yorker* book excerpt, and the most recent one published in *The Gazette* and in the French media.

Crelinsten said CJC has shown unequivocally that it responded not because Richler is Jewish, but because when controversial public debate over issues like anti-Semitism and racism arise, Congress has a duty to respond.

Richler, Crelinsten said, knows this to be the case "because we talked to him about it directly."

"We could not let it go unanswered."

Crelinsten said he was disappointed to see Richler's "adolescent behavior" in publicly criticizing Congress at

seemingly every opportunity, especially in light of the fact that Richler has chosen not to participate within the community when real "local battles" arise, such as the Pierre Peladeau and Outremont affairs.

Richler praised B'nai Brith for declining to respond on the basis that it had no responsibility for his views.

But last October, B'nai Brith published a response to the *New Yorker* article that also questioned Richler's conclusions about anti-Semitism, Crelinsten said.

Richler has also been intellectually dishonest in his statements on anti-Semitism, Crelinsten said.

Crelinsten said Richler himself acknowledged to CJC officials who brought it to his attention that there are conflicting and contradictory aspects to the three studies he is citing to prove higher anti-Semitic attitudes in Quebec.

"But he continues to go out and speak as though that is not the case," Crelinsten said, even though he is now aware that the quoted York University study is flawed because of mistranslation of a question and that there is a huge disparity between two studies on the percentage of those holding anti-Semitic attitudes within the province (nine percent in one study versus 70 percent in another).

Richler also says that 30,000 Jews left Quebec since 1976 because of anti-Semitism, when in fact only 5.5 percent, according to a 1979 study by McGill professor Morton Weinfeld, cite that as the reason.

Congress shares a "deep frustration" over departing youth, and that is now the community's major priority.

But while they may have left for a variety of economic and political considerations and as part of the larger anglophone exodus, anti-Semitism appears to have played a negligible role, Crelinsten said.

Crelinsten also took issue with several other of Richler's positions.

His comparison of *Le Devoir* with Nazi Germany's *Der Stürmer* is "untenable," Crelinsten said, and Richler conveniently omitted the fact that since

the 1950s, *Le Devoir* "has been at the forefront for the struggle of human rights and freedoms in Quebec . . . That describes *Le Devoir* of today."

When Richler speaks of *Le Devoir* "having a long history" of anti-Semitism, he is aware that the phrase "brings it up to today" and he is being intellectually dishonest, Crelinsten said.

As for the possible links between nationalism and racism, Congress is as aware as anybody or any group of the "brutal combination" inherent in "emotional nationalism rooted in national insecurity and an economic downturn."

"But a sweeping characterization of Quebec nationalism as racist is simply unacceptable," Crelinsten said.

Certainly there are numerous nationalists for whom the phrase, "Le Quebec aux Quebecois," does not include Quebecers who are "Goldbergs or McGregors."

"But we also know many francophone Quebecers and even supporters of the Parti-Quebecois who want to move beyond that," Crelinsten said.

"To make a sweeping statement without looking into it with great care and into its complexity is to misrepresent the situation."

But while critical of Richler on the anti-Semitism issue and his condemnation of Congress, Crelinsten said Richler's main message with regard to the sign laws and the way minority communities feel in the province, cannot be ignored by the francophone majority. Crelinsten pointed out that CJC's statement said it would be a "grave error" to do so.

Congress has also strongly opposed Bill 178 and been working to combat any hints or signs of anti-Semitism and xenophobia as soon as they appear, by denouncing them publicly and especially by promoting intercultural and "rapprochement" activities.

Yes, Richler was right, there are elements of tribalism within the nationalist movement, Crelinsten said.

"But there are such elements in our own community as well," Crelinsten said, "in every community. We all deal with issues of belonging, of identification, of ourselves and the other."

"Issues of identification and belonging and who's on the inside and who's on the outside of the communities are issues we're all dealing with."

These have not been particularly easy weeks for CJC.

Under great pressure to respond, CJC said, it still took two weeks before replying to Richler to give it time, Crelinsten says, to make the decision and to formulate a reasoned and moderate response through consultation with community leadership.

Crelinsten says CJC was in a "win-win, lose-lose situation," and "trying to respond to Richler in an even-handed way may not have been emotionally cathartic for people in the short run, but we believe in the long run it was in the interests of the community."

When Congress published its response to Richler, the calls CJC received were split 50-50 for and against, Crelinsten said.

Does Congress think Richler has actually "fuelled the fires of discord?"

"I think it's appropriate that Richler raised the issues . . . and if it makes people uncomfortable, that's too bad. That's his style," Crelinsten said.

In the short term, Crelinsten said, there's been damage to the dialogue with French Canada at the leadership and grassroots levels.

But over the long term, Crelinsten feels, the Richler affair will be remembered as nothing more than a "painful blip on the screen."



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Right-wing parties receive German vote

By
RON CSILLAG

BERLIN —

Germany's already jittery 30,000-member Jewish community was dealt another blow Sunday with the election of two radical right-wing parties to state parliaments.

"Black Sunday" and "Election Shock!" were the headlines that greeted the vote, which many observers interpret as a message to Chancellor Helmut Kohl's governing Christian Democratic Party.

The CDP lost its 20-year grip on the affluent southwestern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, where the Republicans, an anti-foreigner, anti-immigration party, won more than 11 percent of the vote.

Voters also sent a message to the main opposition party, the Social Democrats, which lost its majority in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein. A radical right-wing party, the German People's Union, polled nearly seven percent of the vote.

Both right-wing parties sound familiar and disturbing themes revolving around the influx of foreigners and asylum-seekers. The Republicans posted their best performance ever and the best showing of any radical rightist party since 1949.

Officials say the parties are not quite neo-Nazi. But many here find it disturbing that it was mainly those under 30 who cast ballots for the radicals.

"Every German should be concerned" about the results of the vote, Dr. Heinz Galinski, head of Germany's Jewish community, told *The Canadian Jewish News*.

But Jews in Germany "should be particularly concerned," Galinski added. "It doesn't make living together any easier."

Democracy in Germany "has lost a battle."

Over the past year or so, the Jewish community in Germany has watched with concern a notable shift to the right not only here but in France and in former East bloc nations.

The number of attacks on foreigners in Germany rose fourfold in the first three months of 1992, jumping to nearly 600 crimes, a recent federal report said.

The election results were a severe setback for Kohl, whose party has lost control of three states in the last two years.

Sunday's vote means both major parties will have to share power with the smaller parties in the two states. The Christian Democrats say they will refuse to co-operate with the Republicans but the Social Democrats indicate they are open to governing with the German People's Union because the results "are such a threat" to German democracy.

CJN reporter Ron Csillag is on a 10-day visit to Germany at the invitation of the German government.

The News In Brief

Armed man killed

JERUSALEM — A resident of a refugee camp, near the West Bank Town of Jenin, has been killed by Israel Army gunfire. Three other camp residents were arrested for possessing a pistol.

The incident occurred when the soldiers noticed the armed suspects and called on them to halt. The four tried to flee and the troops opened fire, hitting one. He was taken to hospital where he died of his wound.

Israel gets IMF loan

JERUSALEM — The International Monetary Fund has confirmed it will lend Israel \$243 million to help compensate for revenues lost during last year's Gulf War.

Israel suffered a temporary fall in exports of its manufactured products and lost revenue from tourism because of the economic uncertainty caused by the crisis, the IMF said.

Israel will have three to five years to repay the new loan from the fund, paying interest at 7.5 percent annually.

Dutch Muslims protest

AMSTERDAM — About 300 local Muslims marched to the Israeli Embassy in The Hague last week to protest the oppression of Palestinians by Israel and call for "a free Jerusalem."

The marchers, who were escorted by police, included many women wearing traditional Arab garb and children bearing portraits of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran.

They belong to the Vahdet Mosque in The Hague and, according to their spokesman, they were acting on an appeal by Iran to protest against Israel during the last week of the month-long Muslim fast of Ramadan.

Concern for travellers

TEL AVIV — The government is seriously concerned for the safety of Israeli tourists travelling abroad. Although it has refrained from issuing official warnings, it wants to alert them to danger in certain countries where there is a high probability of terrorist attack.

Yigal Carmon, the prime minister's counter-terrorism adviser said his office may make public its warning to tour guides who accompany Israeli tour groups to "exercise utmost vigilance and caution" while visiting Turkey, Egypt, Greece and Cyprus.

Security sources said that "despite the most careful efforts by their governments, Israelis will not be safe there, at least in the near future."

Le Pen party suffers

PARIS — Jean-Marie Le Pen's far-right National Front took a drubbing in a local runoff elections last week.

Le Pen's racist party polled six percent of the vote, down from 14 percent in the regional elections held March

Settlement protest

JERUSALEM — More than 10,000 people packed the Mount Gilboa in Northern Israel last week as the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) demonstrated against plans to build a new settlement on the range within the Green Line.

The society maintains that the proposed settlement would destroy the natural beauty of the area. Yigal Shahr, chairman of the Beit She'an Valley regional council, said the aim was to increase the Jewish population in the area, improve local services and increase security.

There are more than 15,000 Arabs living in the area, compared to some 600 Jews on three small settlements inside the pre-1967 borders.

AIDS sham exposed

JERUSALEM — A highly touted new ointment supposed to prevent transmission of the virus that causes AIDS has turned out to be nothing more than snake oil.

The product, Gel-X, developed by H. G. Pollak, a local pharmaceutical company, has been banned from the market by the Health Ministry.

The cure-all turned out to be an old product, Pedicat, which has been used for 15 years to lubricate catheters, a newspaper reported.

The manufacturer added disinfectant, gave it a new name and wrapping, and tried to impress the stock market, the newspaper said.

Witness dies on stand

BONN — A former SS officer called as a prosecution

witness in the trial of alleged Nazi war criminal Josef Schwammberger collapsed and died shortly after taking the stand in the Stuttgart courtroom.

Frich Scharf, 79, encountered breathing difficulties while answering questions to establish his identity and was shortly thereafter pronounced dead.

Scharf was to have given testimony about SS activities during the war in Krakow, Poland, where he served with Schwammberger, who was also commandant of concentration camps in Poland.

Anne Frank photos

AMSTERDAM — A book of hitherto unpublished photographs of Anne Frank was introduced to the media at the Anne Frank House here.

It is intended primarily to show schoolchildren that Anne Frank, who died in a Nazi concentration camp, was a child just like themselves. Making them acquainted with her personally may help fight racism and discrimination among school-age youngsters.

The photographs show Anne Frank from early childhood through the age of 12.

Work accidents high

JERUSALEM — Israel's bad work safety habits not only cost the nation NIS 2.1 billion (nearly \$1b.) a year, but also may lead to a European Community ban on Israeli exports, officials of the government's Institute for Occupational Safety and Hygiene have warned.

Institute director Menahem Schwartz noted that work accidents in Israel cause more than 120 deaths, 3,500 permanent cripples and 60,000 injuries every year. Figures for 1991, he said, were practically unchanged from 1990.

Direct dialing for Arabs

TEL AVIV — The first-ever direct dialing service to 11 Arab countries began last week.

But the service, provided by Bezek, the Israeli government's telephone corporation, is still a one-way affair.

The Arab states that can be reached include Saudi Arabia, the Persian Gulf emirates, Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen and Morocco. While these countries cannot block incoming calls, their nationals or visitors may not dial directly to the Jewish state. Their international exchange operators also cannot handle calls to Israel.

Vandals won't be charged

PRAGUE — The Jewish religious community in Prague announced it will seek damages from the parents of five adolescents who knocked down or otherwise damaged scores of tombstones March 19 in the Jewish cemetery in the central Bohemian town of Pribram.

Although the offenders, ages 13 to 15, have been identified, they will not be charged in court because of their youth. Police consider the incident an act of juvenile delinquency.

Meeting with Mandela

JERUSALEM — Nelson Mandela, chairman of the African National Congress, has invited two Knesset Members of the Mafetz faction (left-wing party) to meet him at a mutually convenient date. The two, Yossi Sarid and Dedi Zucker, both of the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) wing of Meretz, expect to see Mandela in the next few weeks.

Twins for woman, 51

TEL AVIV — A 51-year-old woman whose menstrual periods ended seven years ago gave birth to healthy twin daughters at Tel Hashomer Hospital last week.

The new mother, who requested anonymity, is believed to be the oldest woman in Israel to give birth for the first time.

She was fertilized in vitro by donated eggs. Delivery was by caesarian section, the hospital reported.

Peace talks scheduled

WASHINGTON — Talks aimed at tackling such Middle East regional issues as arms control, economic development and Palestinian refugees will resume in May in five countries, the State Department announced last week.

The United States, which is co-sponsoring the talks with Russia, said it will host a working group on arms control and regional security May 11 to 13.

The refugee situation will be discussed during talks in Ottawa from May 13 to 15.

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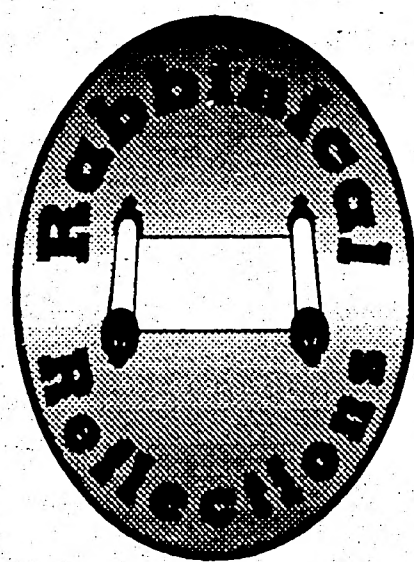
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Jewish Life



By RABBI DR.
MORDECAI E. ZEITZ

Ask a harried housewife a few days before the seder what she thinks of Pesach and watch out for the answer. The beads of sweat denote her great trepidation.

On the very same day ask young children what they think of Pesach and the answer will be quite different. From the gleam in their eyes and the smile upon their faces, we know that they await Pesach with great anticipation.

For a grandparent as well, Pesach takes on a very special meaning.

And so it is. The same holiday, viewed from different perspective, brings forth a full range of reaction.

This is not uncommon. Consider the distraught woman in a hotel who called the manager frantically and said, "I am dizzy and faint, my whole body is trembling. Someone in the next room has been banging on a piano all day. If you don't have it stopped, I will collapse." The manager replied, "I wish I could help you madam, but I don't dare. The pianist is rehearsing for his concert tonight in symphony hall." The complaining woman responded with excitement and immediately began

inviting her friends to her room to listen to the exceptional music.

Pesach is the barometer of Jewish identity and sensitivity. How and what we feel and do about Pesach is an indicator of the quality of Jewish life we have chosen for ourselves and our families. When parents stop being anxious about getting ready for Pesach; when children lose their excitement about the seder; when grandparents fear sitting down with the next generation to share a Pesach experience, we are in serious trouble.

It is specifically the feelings and the aromas of Pesach that make it the powerful Jewish agent that it is. You can't be pareve about Pesach. By definition, it has got to have great impact.

All of the trepidation, excitement, anxieties and scrupulous planning come together on the seder night. The mood is special and the quality of Pesach draws us all together. There is no better or more satisfying feeling than to be seated at the seder table and to feel part of the continuing chain of Jewish identity. The reflections of the historical scenes of yitzit at Mitzrayim are only one part of the seder experience. The vivid recollections of pulling out the Passover dishes, taking the precautions about chometz, searching for the chometz and burning it the following morning, and yes, even questioning what to eat on Erev Pesach — these and so many more are all an integral part of the "seder scene." With these memories we can then proceed to go over to cover in the Haggadah with appropriate explanations and discussions. All of this forges a powerful connection between parents and grandparents, and all others in between.

But Pesach is not just reliving the past. Our generation is witness to the writing of glorious chapters of Jewish history. An original challenge posed by Moses — "let my people go" — has been realized in our times with the mass immigration of Soviet

and Ethiopian Jews. We must raise our voices loud and clear so as to bring about the successful redemption of our brethren who remain captive in Arab lands. As in the story of Pesach, we all share in the responsibility of redeeming and aiding our brethren wherever they are.

This is part of the new Haggadah to be told at the seder. An empty chair at our seder table tells the story of those not yet free; an extra piece of matzah can be left in reserve for those not yet able to enjoy a seder of freedom this year.

And, alas, there is another condition to be discussed at the seder this year. We must consider the very troubling fact that there will be many on the seder nights who will have no memory of nor connection with the wonderful experience of Pesach. Our doors and our hearts must be opened not only to the poor and needy of physical substance but, as well, we must reach out to the spiritually and emotionally poor and bereft who don't even know about the meaning of Pesach nor what in fact they are missing.

How blessed are we who have the capacity to translate our memories into beautiful and meaningful actions on Pesach. Let us endeavor to make Pesach feasible and more meaningful for the members of our community through acts of Maot Chittim and an invitation for others to join us at our table this year. In these historic times, let us add our deeds to the ongoing story of the Jewish people and let us teach it to our children.

If there is much to be done in preparation for Pesach, how much more so is there to be done in the experience of Pesach itself. A combination of both will afford each of us a meaningful Pesach and bring us a step closer to the Pesach L'Sid Lavo. Chag Kasher V'Sameach.

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Moscow conference organized

TEL AVIV —

The Cummings Centre for Russian and East European Studies of Tel Aviv University, together with the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Foreign Policy Association, recently sponsored a three-day conference in Moscow.

Entitled Soviet Foreign Policy, 1917-1991 - A Retrospective, this event constituted the first direct dialogue between East and West on the subject. It brought together leading scholars from all over North America, Europe, Russia and Israel. Also in attendance were Israel's ambassador to Russia, Arieh Levin, and prominent members of the Russian Foreign Ministry.

The fact that the Russian Academy

of Sciences joined forces with one of Israel's institutions of higher learning in order to bring about this event, is, in itself, indicative of Moscow's new approach to foreign policy. Diplomatic relations with Israel were only recently renewed after a hiatus of close to 24 years.

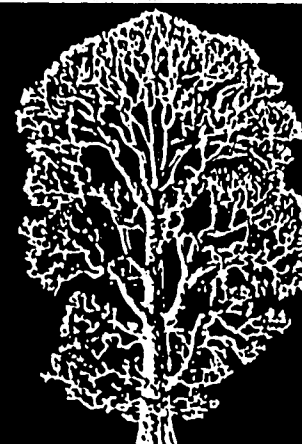
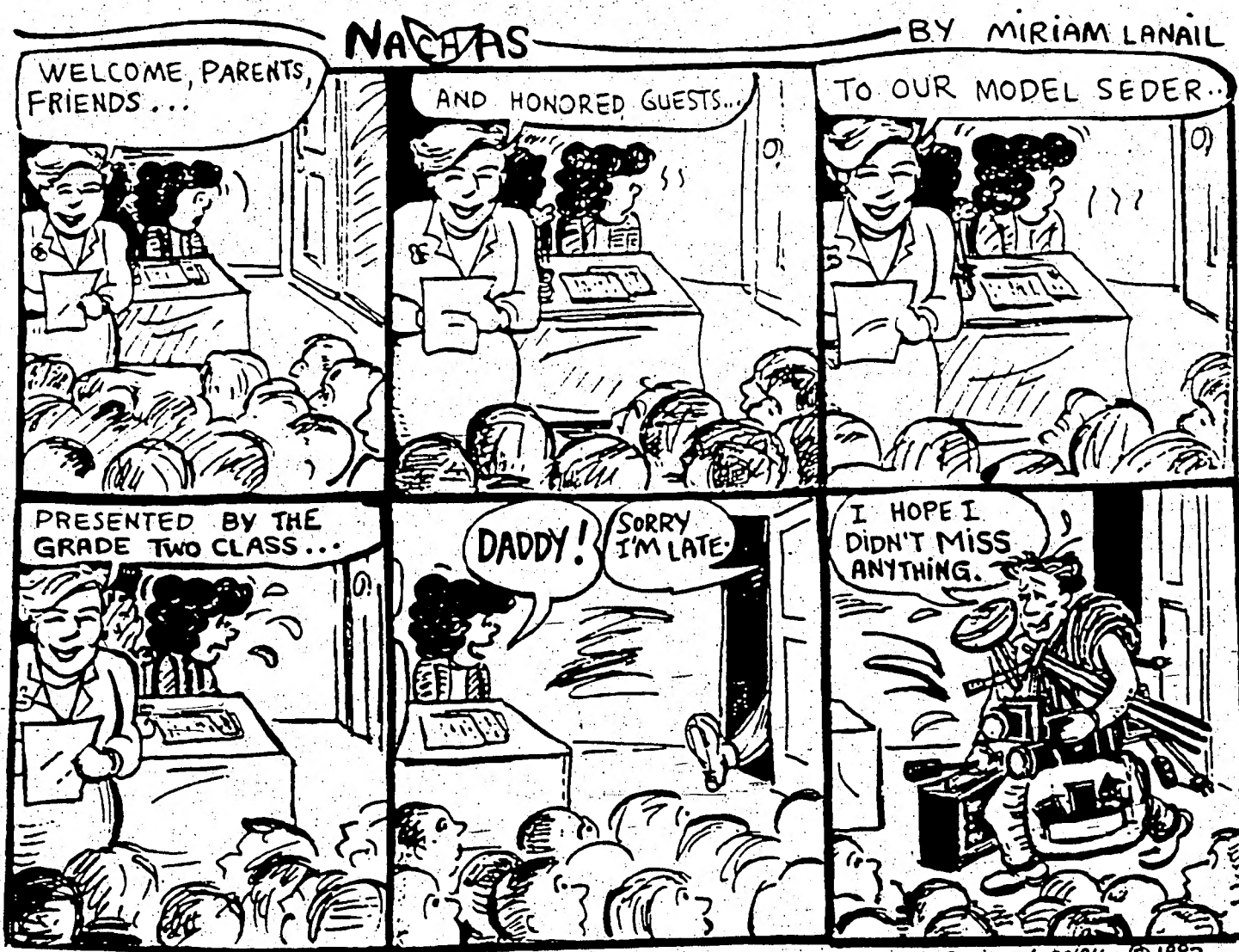
With the end of communist rule, the Russians have taken up the enormous task of opening their archives, rediscovering and, in collaboration with Western scholars, rewriting their own history. Speakers at the conference emphasized the importance of nurturing a new generation of Russian historians, capable and equipped to carry out scientific research.

The conference attracted consider-

able attention among Russian media and from politicians who are currently engaged in formulating new approaches to foreign policy to fill the vacuum created by the disintegration of the Soviet state.

During his stay in Moscow, Cummings Centre director, Prof. Gabriel Gorodetsky, held meetings with a number of political figures, including officials of the Russian Foreign Ministry, as well as former Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze and top Gorbachev aides Alexander Yakovlev and Nikolai Chernomyayev.

Proceedings of the conference will be published later this year by Frank Cass Publishers, London, and in Moscow.



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U.S.-Israel crisis part of changing world order

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

COMMENTARY

How severe is the present crisis in U.S.-Israel relations? This question may well remain unanswered while the two electoral campaigns are heating up and probably for longer, until the two new administrations are installed. Now it is even difficult to reliably reconstruct the gradual process of deterioration of the once solid intimacy.

What we are seeing now is, to some extent, the result of two factors. The changing world-situation and the incapacity of the present Israeli leadership to update its policies to the new realities. The world is now engaged in the search of stabilization and this affects many nations, not only Israel. Before the dust will settle on a modified global order, if there will be one, old structures will shift and be replaced by new ones.

Nobody can as yet foresee his own place on the evolving world scene, but Israel seems to care less than others. It is paying heavy fines for its failure to look around and to act innovatively. The crisis between Israel and its major ally was not inevitable and should not have been allowed to reach its present dimensions.

U.S. President George Bush is fighting for his personal future and all his moves are now designed to improve his chances to be re-elected. Little else seems to matter. He knows very well how much his almost exclusive preoccupation with foreign affairs has hurt him at home and how unpopular foreign aid is now with American public opinion. Pat Buchanan's vicious polemics on this subject left him little choice but to pay attention to the "America First" slogan, despite the fact that this is an unrealistic recipe for the role the United States must

preserve in the world and is one that will have to be abandoned soon after November by whoever lives then in the White House.

As Israel is known to be the recipient of the largest American aid-package, its vulnerability was inevitable. In an ailing world where many nations need international assistance to survive — take only the former Soviet Union as an example — it is not surprising that some would-be recipients seem to be more needy than others. Add to this the impression given by the government in Jerusalem, that although immigrant absorption is very important, settlements in the territories are an even greater priority and you will get a clear picture of the weakness of Israel's case as far as the loan-guarantees were concerned.

Nobody can safely say that a more cordial relationship between the two administrations would have fully sheltered Israel from the fall-out of the internal debate in the United States, but it is undisputed that the souring of relations has made things much worse.

Would things have been much different had Shamir yielded to the American ultimatum and frozen settlements? Probably yes, because this would have deprived the administration of one of its strongest arguments against Israel and relaxed the tense bilateral atmosphere. It is even debatable, whether in this case the administration would have encouraged, as it did, the leaks regarding illegal sales by Israel of American technology to China and others. The accusation may never be properly substantiated, but has already denigrated Israel as a thankless ally.

The facts in this specific matter belong to

a different category. The quality of Israeli military technology is now a major factor in the world-wide arms market and has become the object of fierce competition by the American military industry in crisis. But for many years, when the political ties were strong, competition had comfortably co-existed with co-operation. It is the tense political climate between Washington and Jerusalem, that has complicated things on this issue too.

But the major point of friction with Washington are Israel's postures in the conduct of the peace process by the United States. Israel has many reasons to be prudent. The Arab side is

far from showing a credible will to realistic compromise. But Israel has weakened its good case by its clumsy tactics, which are unconvincing and are fueling suspicions that it was not interested in progress.

What do government-inspired sources tell the public to explain the present state of U.S.-Israeli relations? The first argument is that Israel has ceased to be regarded by the United States as a strategic asset in a world freed of super-power rivalry. This thesis is misleading, not only because the past Israeli perception of its own strategic weight in terms of global confrontation was grossly inflated, but mainly because the new global shift has no effect on Israel's lasting importance in a region threatened by Muslim fundamentalism and by the Iraqi regime.

Israel is bound to play a role in every developing contingency, whether it acts or does not. The second argument speaks of the marked coolness of the present U.S. leadership as composed with the much warmer attitude of the Reagan administration. While there is a grain of truth in this

argument, one must not forget how much the world has changed since 1988. Yet, one can hardly accuse the Bush administration of hostility to Israel, whose status as the largest single recipient of U.S. aid has continued up to now and has even improved.

One must give Bush credit for going to war against Iraq and for having initiated the Arab-Israeli peace process in the wake of the war. The real trouble is that there is no useful dialogue between the Bush-Baker team and the present Israeli leadership. Finally, when some local politicians suggest that a democratic victory in November would make a difference, they forget, or do not understand, that the international situation will remain the same.

Of all this government's failures — including the one regarding immigrant absorption — a failure which has in effect transformed the great Russian exodus into a trifling trickle — the mismanagement of the relationship with the United States is clearly becoming its most damaging liability.

It is now imperative that confidence between the United States and Israel should be restored after both administrations have made a number of false steps in the opposite direction. Unfortunately, pre-electoral rhetorics in both countries are not conducive to constructive soul-searching and to correct tactical decisions.

As far as Israel and its embattled government are concerned, the cool winds from Washington came at a gloomy moment, when the country was shaken by the accumulation of the latest terrorist attacks, here and abroad. In this country's life, complex situations such as this, have more than once produced shocks and reactions misguided by emotions, but also, though not lately, helped wisdom to get the upper hand.



Yeshayahu Anug

OPINION

Professor makes powerful statement on Maimonides

By
ARNOLD AGES

Thirty-two years ago in the midst of my graduate education at Ohio State University, I discovered a professor who combined rare teaching talents with an intimidating knowledge of classical and modern philosophy.

Dr. Marvin Fox had another dimension which marked him out as a singular human being — a mastery of Jewish sources which ran the gamut from Bible, Talmud and Jewish philosophy to modern Hebrew. Fox, however, did not merely know Torah; he was of Torah in that he was punctilious in his observance of the mitzvot.

During his days as a professor at Ohio State, Fox compiled an enviable teaching and scholarly record. In fact, he was awarded best teacher recognition in the early 1960s. It did not surprise me, because as an auditor in his classical Greek philosophy course and in his noon hour Humash and Rashi lecture (in Hebrew) at the Ohio State library, I found his pedagogical skills formidable.

In his philosophy classes he honed the Socratic method to perfection, trying through the question and answer method not only to provide information, but to make students think carefully about the language they used as they advanced arguments.

On the lecture platform at Ohio State's Hillel Foundation where he often spoke, Fox naturally used a different teaching technique, but his art as a communicator was undiminished.

One of the things that impressed me about Marvin Fox was his readiness to insert himself in the general academic discourse of the university, and on one occasion this occasioned some turbulence in his private life.

In the early 1960s Fox was among a group of Ohio State academics who had the temerity to oppose, on academic grounds, the participation of the university's football team in the Rose Bowl. The group did this in a town where football was the civic religion!

The result was a mini-revolution on campus which pitted Fox and his coterie of colleagues against the power of the establishment, both at

the University and in the city of Columbus, Ohio. It was not an event calculated to develop respect for football boosters at the university.

In an act of pure spite the *Columbus Dispatch*, the city's main newspaper, printed the salary of every professor who had voted against Rose Bowl participation. This was the least of the indignities foisted on the professors opposed to Rose Bowl participation.

After leaving Ohio State, Fox went to Brandeis University where to this day he has been instrumental in helping that school's Jewish studies program. He currently serves as the director of the Philip Lown Institute.

Over the years he has been deeply involved in encouraging Jewish studies all over North America and is invited regularly to review and evaluate Jewish studies programs on different campuses. He also pursues a busy lecture schedule and has visited Toronto and Montreal many times.

During my days at Ohio State I recall Fox speaking often about Maimonides (1135-1204), the medieval Jewish philosopher, physician and codifier and of his (Fox's) intention of writing a book about him. Over the years on lecture platforms in Canada, among other places, he has provided provocative snippets of the things he wanted to say about Maimonides.

Late in 1990 Marvin Fox published his book on Maimonides with the University of Chicago Press. It is called *Interpreting Maimonides* and contains 356 pages of data, insights and commentary on one of the most profound thinkers in the history of Judaism. The book contains, among other things, a 74-page explication de texte of a few paragraphs in Maimonides' *Guide To The Perplexed*.

It would be injudicious of me to review Marvin Fox's book here; its atomic density is too great. It is not, moreover, a book that can be easily read; it can only be studied and those prepared to do so must therefore be ready to invest much time and energy in the exercise. The time invested, however, will be handsomely repaid.

I will say, nonetheless, that Fox's epilogue on the significance of Maimonides today is a powerful statement about the need for Jews to be open

to knowledge from whatever the sources, including non-Jewish ones.

Maimonides alluded to the rabbis' use of astronomy, a secular science, to calculate the new moon, a major integer in the religious calendar. Again, Maimonides did not hesitate to use Arabic or works from other non Jewish writers in order to disseminate knowledge of Torah.

"This was the guiding principle for Maimonides," writes Fox. "Torah has nothing to fear from truth, whatever its source may be. We

should, therefore, seek the truth wherever it may be found. This is essential to our correct understanding of the teachings of the Torah no less than for our knowledge of those subjects not dealt with directly in Jewish sources."

In his career as a Jewish teacher par excellence, Marvin Fox has tried, like Maimonides, to show that one can be faithful to the sancta of Jewish life and still embrace secular learning. I look forward to many more years of Marvin Fox's illuminating ideas on Jewish life and thought.



Arnold Ages



THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE . . .

A young traveller makes a close inspection of one of the wild flowers that bloomed in the central area of Israel. [IPPA photo]

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Covering the intifada

Five years after the beginning of the intifada, Jim Lederman, a journalist who has worked in Jerusalem for the National Public Radio, has published an analysis of the way in which media reports, especially television, have influenced American foreign policy moves in the Middle East.

Lederman's documented study appears at a propitious moment — when the Bush administration is exerting, in the words of *New York Times*'s correspondent, William Safire, humiliating pressure on Israel.

In his book study, entitled *Battle Lines* (Henry Holt), Lederman criticizes American television networks for their daily focus on the violence in the early days of the intifada and faults them for a lack of a broader contextual reporting. While Lederman denies that there was an anti-Semitic or anti-Zionist agenda behind the coverage, he charges that newsmen were more interested in snappy sound bites and dramatic story lines than in getting the whole picture.

The result, says Lederman, was a manipulated perception of the struggle between Israel and the Palestinians in which the latter were imaged as underdogs as a consequence of their skilful use of burning tires, stone throwing and V-for-victory signs.

Another focus of Lederman's analysis pivots around the reluctance of the news media to explore the wider context of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle within the Arab-Israeli conflict. The news media also failed, he argues, to reflect the intifada as an expression of social upheaval among the Palestinians.

The theses which Jim Lederman has alluded to are not new. During the early days of the intifada, many Israeli spokesmen and news analysts made the same points. Those reactions, however, were made on the basis of anecdotal evidence.

Jim Lederman, however, has based his study on very solid documentation; he has audited thousands of newspaper dispatches from major American newspapers and hundreds of nightly newscasts from the major American television networks. His content analysis paints a very dismal picture of the media as mere conduits for Palestinian views of the conflict. Whether or not that picture was animated by malice or simple incompetence is hardly relevant.

In these days when Israel-bashing has become a kind of recreational sport, Jim Lederman's dispassionate analysis of the intifada coverage is very timely.

Important ceremony

When Judith Kaplan Eisenstein was called to the Torah in Flushing Meadow, Queens at the end of March of this year, the 82-year-old woman marked an anniversary that has had repercussions in almost all wings of Jewish life.

It was in 1922 at the age of 12 that the daughter of Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, became the first bat mitzvah. Interviewed recently in *The New York Times* (March 19), Kaplan Eisenstein remarked that at the event "no thunder sounded... no lightning struck."

Since 1922 the bat mitzvah ceremony has become a staple in Reform, Conservative and, to some extent, Orthodox Jewish practices. In Orthodoxy, of course, girls are not called to the Torah, but in some synagogues a special community bat mitzvah ceremony is observed on Sunday.

During her interview, Kaplan Eisenstein noted that the purpose of the bat mitzvah, like the bar mitzvah, was to mark the age when girls attain religious adulthood and become responsible for their actions.

According to Kaplan Eisenstein, the bat mitzvah began not "just as a statement of feminism, but as a statement of dedication to something larger than oneself. It represented a 'moving out' into the community."

Turning to current practices, the first bat mitzvah indicated that one of her worries had unfortunately materialized — that "all the bad aspects of the bar mitzvah have been taken over by the bat mitzvah." Kaplan Eisenstein was referring to lavish parties, dance bands and garish entertainment.

Not that she is opposed to parties — provided they are simple and secondary to the main agenda of the bat mitzvah. "More important," said Kaplan Eisenstein, "is that the bat mitzvah girl... adopt a theme, be it Israel, the environment or the homeless... any piece of learning."

Wise counsel from a lady who has seen North American Jewish life from the 70-year perspective of a religious pioneer. It is not often that Jews are privileged to see a minhag or religiously-sanctioned custom become part of the Jewish life cycle. It is even more rare to be able to recognize the individual who started the minhag.

Her words about the real meaning of the bat mitzvah ceremony are welcome reminders of its true purpose.

Let anyone who is hungry come...

HAGGADAH



Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

WOMEN MISGUIDED

I think it is a source of profound and painful regret that at a time when world Jewry is still reeling from the cruel, murderous attack in the Argentine, that a group of well-meaning but misguided Jewish women can find nothing of greater importance than to attack our Defence Forces in Israel (Letters, March 26).

The laughter of Arafat and his associates must be truly stentorian.

P. Eibel M.D.
Montreal

QUESTIONS WOMEN'S LETTER

May I remind the Jewish Women's Committee to end the occupation, etc. (CJN, March 26) that the doctor hired by the Arabs on behalf of Mustafa al Akawi agreed with the findings that there was no proof that his death in prison was a result of beatings.

While these women are questioning Israel's democratic standards and are sensitive to Arab feelings, perhaps they should make a few comparisons. For instance, has Britain's behavior in Ireland been any better? India, the world's largest democracy, is extremely repressive in dealing with its insurgents.

As for the bastion of democracy, the USA, it is sobering to ponder that during the Ford administration, a law was passed known as Executive Order

#11490 which, under a loosely defined national emergency, gives the president the right to suspend Congress and possess widespread dictatorial powers. Fortunately, unlike Israel, the U.S. democratic fabric has not yet been tested by a national emergency.

Closer to home, in these ladies' own province of Quebec, have they forgotten when Trudeau called out the military giving them the right to search and detain anyone without charges?

These women should also realize that the West Bank which they are insistent on returning is like a wedge that goes deep into the heart of Israel, only 10 miles to the Mediterranean Sea. That land mass is a crucial buffer in the event of war. With weapons of mass destruction on its way, it is also a time bomb that gives Israel a life-saving earlier warning system.

It is amazing that while we still make speeches and build monuments to the Holocaust, we have in our midst people who pander to enemies who have constantly been trying to launch another Holocaust (Heaven forbid!).

As Passover approaches, let us reaffirm the powerful message of the Haggadah: that since the dawn of Jewish existence in every generations there are evil forces who want to commit genocide against the Jewish people, but the Guardian of Israel drowns them in the swirling tides of history and we once again gather at the seder table victorious and vibrant.

Sydney S. Sopher
Toronto

RAGE OVER RICHLER

Pierre Foglia, columnist of *La Presse*, added his voice to the fallacy spread in French Québec these days that Jews are obliged to denounce Mordechai Richler because he is a member of the Jewish community. On March 14, Foglia made two basic factual errors which call for setting the record straight on these matters.

Foglia claims that the Jews would have declared a "second Yom Kippur War" within "three days" had the shoe been on the other foot, namely if he had written about Jews what Richler had written about French Quebecois. To begin with, it was the Egyptians, and not the Israelis, who started the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Consequently, one cannot refer to Jews declaring a "second Yom Kippur

War," thus implying that the first Yom Kippur War was also "declared" by the Jews. Even the Arabs do not claim that.

Foglia's second erroneous assumption, that Mordechai Richler, while hard on the French, is soft on the Jews, does not stand up well either. The chief character in one of his most popular books, *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* is not necessarily a monument to Jewish nobility.

Widespread opinions about the secret of Richler's success become more and more plausible with the passage of time. Accordingly, it was not the French, but the Jewish characters which made his books best selling among the gentiles because those stereotypes cater best to their inbred anti-Semitic prejudices.

Curiously enough, when Richler first unveiled his Duddy Kravitz — a most despicable, heartless, unconscionable and unscrupulous get-rich-quick entrepreneur, with a clearly identifiable Jewish background — none of his present day French critics joined forces to avenge the humiliation of fellow Quebecois of the Jewish faith. Au contraire! They joined the chorus of their anglo counterparts in praising Quebec's native son and literary genius. It is only when the monster turned upon some of his makers that his latest victims mobilized their troops in self-defence.

Dan Nimrod
Montreal

LAND FOR JEWS

In the year 1944, at the end of World War II, the suggestion of "Ware fur Blüt" (ransom for saving Hungarian Jews from extermination) arose. This suggestion was rejected by the United States and, unfortunately, not even one Jew was saved in this manner.

Today, a new variation of such a demonic exchange is being brought to Israel, this time by the United States — "Land for Jews." This is the openly true meaning for conditioning the "guarantees" on freezing our settlements in Israel.

There is one small but crucial difference. Now, thank G-d, we Jews have our independent state. With G-d's help we will successfully absorb any Jewish immigrant who wants to make Israel his homeland.

Sara Sheinblum
Haifa, Israel

You remember me? I remember you ...

By
J. B. SALSBERG

You have no idea how happy I am to resume writing this weekly column after a lapse of a few months. After all, we have been intimate with each other for almost thirty years! Ein kleinikeit, thirty years!

The social and political picture of the world has changed radically in that span of time. Whether that change has been for the better or not is still a mute question. We will talk about that too, one of these days.

But, before we begin to talk at all, let me first make it abundantly clear: no, I wasn't "fired" and therefore didn't have to be re-engaged. The relations between the editor of our esteemed paper and myself are as genuinely friendly as they have always been and, as I'm certain, will continue to be.

So, as they say in Yiddish, if everything was so good, then why was it so bad? Meaning, if everything was in order and as usual then why didn't I write for almost three months? No, it wasn't because I languished in Florida for two months this time rather than a single month as in the past.

It was, and that's the truth, because of the troubling, neurotic manner that the world is tumbling along. I don't like it ... I don't like it as a human being and I don't like it as a Jew ... We

will, hopefully, have time and the opportunity to deal with those troubling issues. In the meantime, a few notes about Florida.

— The main daily topic among visitors is still, "Where do we eat tonight?"

— It seems that all Canadians in Florida are dedicated readers of this paper and as a result, countless such readers recognized me. One such reader stopped me to enquire why I stopped sending my columns to the editor. A wise Montrealer, over-hearing the question, came to my defence and said: "Better that people ask why he doesn't write than to ask 'why he does write.'"

— In the general area where I lived there is a legendary Flea Market. It seems that everyone visits that market and comes back loaded with bargains. Even my brother Nat and his wife Lil, who were my most welcomed guests, dropped everything the first morning after their arrival, when my brother-in-law Syd and sister Betty telephoned to ask if Nat wanted to join them on a trip to the flea market. When Nat and Lil returned late that afternoon they were loaded with gifts for their grandchildren ...

— Finally, I weakened and agreed to go to the Flea Market with Betty and Syd. It turned out to be a near catastrophe.

The "market," mostly exposed to the merciless fire of a burning sun, reminded me of the

old "Children's Day" at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. After a while I began to feel somewhat faint and, while leaning on a parked truck, I shouted for Syd and Betty to take me away before I collapse. They did and not a moment too soon. That ended my flea-market experience.

— But the most memorable experience I had was the night of the "big fire" and, yes, in the building where I lived ... It had tragic consequences.

The building I usually live in Hollywood, Florida, accommodates, as I was told, some 600 people, mostly elderly visitors and quite a few in wheelchairs.

One evening, as I was leaving the apartment of my friends from Montreal on the 14th floor, I saw people running out of their apartments and running towards the elevators. By the time I reached the elevator area a mass of humanity rushed and pushed towards the stairwell — the elevators had stopped running.

The journey down the 14-floor stairwell was jammed with anxious people, many in wheelchairs. There was no panic and we all made it to the ground floor and out of the smoke-filling corridors.

Actually, we saw neither fire nor flames. What we did see from the outside was smoke floating

out of the entrance doors and windows and bed-ridden guests brought out on stretchers or in the beds they were confined to.

Fire brigades from the entire region had converged on the fire. The street was devoid of normal traffic and only ambulances, firefighter vehicles and police cars occupied the entire roadway. But hundreds of neighboring tenants and countless, curious fire-watchers enjoyed the excitement.

Tired of standing I retired to my sister Betty's dwelling, down the street, together with some of my Montreal friends to rest, refresh and wait to return to our apartments in the smoke-affected building. My floor, the eighth, was only slightly affected by smoke and so was allowed to return.

But it was an exciting experience and a topic of conversation throughout southern Florida. It did, however, also have emotional and tragic consequences.

Among the hundreds of tenants in "my" building there was a loving, elderly couple that kept to themselves. Their love for each other was, obviously, enough to fill their lives with bliss. The evacuation from the smoke-filled building was evidently too strenuous for the woman. She lost her battle for life and he, her inseparable mate, leaped from the sixth floor to join his beloved ...

Thus ended a Florida vacation. Good and bad, sunshine and darkness, hope and despair. Just as life has always been ...



J.B. Salsberg

Fackenheim a special Jewish philosopher

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

On March 23 and 24 a remarkable gathering took place in Toronto. At the invitation of Rabbi Dow Marmur a group of scholars assembled at Holy Blossom Temple to pay tribute to one of the best known philosophers of our time, Professor Emil Fackenheim of Jerusalem. He had recently celebrated his 75th birthday, and in honor of that milestone, a scholarly assemblage paid tribute to him in a two-day symposium dealing with his work and influence.

The mass meeting he addressed, chaired by Rose Wolfe, chancellor of the University of Toronto, attracted a large number of his former students and many others to whom a talk by Emil Fackenheim has become an event that must not be missed. It became a "happening" in the best sense of the word.

Fackenheim, a native of Halle, Germany, attended the rabbinical seminary in Berlin of which

Rabbi Leo Baeck was then the president, and in 1939, when the end of German Jewry was clearly in sight, he was ordained. Thrust into a concentration camp, eventually released, he arrived in Canada, and in 1945 became rabbi of Hamilton's Anshe Shalom synagogue.

But in time, academe attracted him and the University of Toronto appointed him to teach in the department of philosophy, a post he gave up when he decided to make aliyah. He has lived in Jerusalem since 1983, and his influence has spread across the world.

Whenever the impact of the Holocaust is discussed one phrase of his is constantly repeated. In addition to the 613 (taryag) mitzvot of tradition, he said, we must now observe a 614th commandment: "Jews are not allowed to hand Hitler a posthumous victory."

By this he meant that we Jews who have sur-

vived the Holocaust must make Jewish survival a central demand of our existence. If we do not, Hitler's goal of Jewish extermination would be achieved even though the fuhrer himself is dead. The Holocaust must be remembered; the world must be educated to understand it as a unique and seminal event; and Jews must affirm their own existence and give it meaning.

To Fackenheim, the Holocaust presents a rupture of history, and without confronting it, the world cannot make sense of today's human existence. Worse, such failure is likely to make another Holocaust possible.

In many books and articles, he has elaborated and fleshed out his message; and those who count themselves his students are spread far and wide. They are mostly, but not exclusively, Jews; and it is no exaggeration to state that as a Jewish philosopher he occupies a special and honored place.

Books have been written about him and they

continue to add up. I watched him closely the symposium, while fellow scholars were dissecting his thought and heaping encomia upon him. He took it all with characteristic modesty, which in itself was wonderful to behold.

He and I have many memories in common. What stands out from the days he lived in Toronto was a succession of his telephone calls to me, after the Six-Day War, when Jews in Canada were the targets of many attacks and when we were embroiled in a bitter controversy with the United Church.

I was then heavily involved in carrying on a public defence of Israel and the Jewish people. Emil Fackenheim would call me every day, literally. "What are you going to do about?" he would ask, referring to the latest obloquy heaped upon us. He did not give me rest; he was my conscience. I thank him for what he did for me and of course, for our people. Many people, in many lands, join me in thanking him. Happy birthday and happy returns!



Rabbi Plaut

Environment recognized as a Jewish issue

By
ELAINE KAHN

I'm usually wary of events billed as "historic" at the very moment they're happening. But my husband and I were in Washington last month for a conference on Judaism and the environment that the organizers kept calling "historic" — and I knew they were right.

It was the first time ever that environmental concerns were brought in from the fringes of organizational Jewish consciousness to its very centre. We were welcomed by Shoshanna Cardin, who chairs the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and the participants included the leadership, both rabbinic and lay, of the American Jewish community's most influential organizations (and overseas delegates from the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel).

What was most stunning was that there was support and representation from the leadership of all four major Jewish movements — Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox.

The small workshop group I was assigned to on opening night included Reform rabbis, a representative of Hadassah and a prominent Yeshiva University scholar. Everyone was united in a commitment to the environment and to spreading that commitment throughout the Jewish world. Everything that normally divides us was put aside in the face of the knowledge that, without a clean earth to live on, there will be no world for us to be Jews in.

If our priorities until now have been Israel, the Holocaust and anti-Semitism, it is worth noting

that Israel is part of the earth, the Holocaust can be remembered only if there are people to remember it, and letting the earth die is a damned drastic way to rid ourselves of anti-Semites.

The "it's too expensive" economic argument against cleaning up our global environment, a defence particularly attractive in a recession, was also shot down. (And not just because, if everyone dies, you lose your consumer base.)

The standard economic model is wrong, we were told, because it doesn't take into account the cost of waste or of environmental damage.

What was not addressed directly was the difficulty in getting Jews who are producers of environmentally toxic products processes to change — I wish a few of them would have been invited to the conference!

"Is this a Jewish issue?" was asked more than once, but no longer made sense (it's never made sense to those of us who think all issues are Jewish). The understanding had dawned that our earthly neighborhood is not, like poverty or rape, something that may be ignored because it doesn't personally affect most Jews. There's nothing special about us that allows us to manage without a safe atmosphere or clean water — we die just like everyone else.

The conference opened with a screening of the IMAX film *Blue Planet*, with discussions by Dr. Carl Sagan and Senator Albert Gore, Jr., explaining the mess we're in. This was more than just a humbling experience — it was positively frightening. The idea of being able to even make a dent

in it by any action I might personally take seemed ludicrous.

Luckily for the fate of our earth, my pessimistic paralysis did not at all reflect the general tone of the conference. Everyone was anxious to develop concrete action plans for their home constituencies. There was even some talk of taking environmental actions into the realm of Halacha, mandating Jewish action instead of leaving it up to the goodness of our individual hearts.

There were so many kinds of ideas and plans thrown out for discussion. The suggestion was made that Jews become vegetarians, because of the

huge amount of resources used in animal husbandry. A kind of return to shtetl life was suggested, with Jewish neighborhoods built in such a way that all our homes, synagogues and other Jewish services be within walking distance of each other, curtailing our need for cars.

Or perhaps, someone said, we should reintroduce sumptuary laws, which Jews have used in the past to prevent what were considered to be immoral displays of wealth (these laws, usually directed at food and clothing, are connected to Jewish laws mandating simple burials).

Practical questions were asked: should shuls and organizations use paper products at all for kiddushes or meals (let alone those little plastic kiddush cups) or should they use washable glasses and utensils — which is a greater waste of resources?

Do kosher meals on airplanes really have to come in all those layers of protective foil and plastic wrap? Shouldn't all mailings be on recycled



Elaine Kahn

ble paper and printed on both sides?

Even the unthinkable was asked: are some of our Shabbat observances too harmful to the environment to continue? For example, if you leave your oven on over Shabbat and or use modern devices, like electric timers, meant to make Shabbat easier, are you being irresponsible?

When my sister asked us this question several years ago, we countered by explaining all the ways we don't consume energy on Shabbat, by not driving our car and so on. Suddenly, it was no longer a defensible answer and I was happy to learn there are now people studying the issue.

Although there are individual Jews involved in environmentalism, both through Jewish and non-Jewish channels, we're still at the baby stage communally. As a longtime Jewish environmentalist said to me at lunch, the conference fascinated her because some participants were so new to many issues "that they don't even have the rhetoric down yet."

This "rhetoric" will come both from the general environmental movement and our own sources, often coinciding, as in this midrash on Ecclesiastes (from a sourcebook compiled by the environmental group Shomrei Adamah) which speaks of a time before Jews, when all of us were given a common task!

"When God created the first human beings, God led them around the Garden of Eden and said:

'Look at my works! See how beautiful they are — how excellent! For your sake I created them all.

'See to it that you do not spoil and destroy My world; for if you do, there will be no one else to repair it' ..."

Features

Iraq remains a nuclear threat

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A year ago, Iraq's much-vaunted nuclear capabilities were supposedly smashed by devastating bombing raids.

In the euphoric aftermath of the Gulf War, U.S. President George Bush proudly declared that Iraq's "nuclear bomb-building business" had been wiped out "for a long time to come." Similar declarations were heard from U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, the American commander of allied forces in the Persian Gulf.

Twelve months later, however, the picture looks murky: Iraq may be closer to acquiring a nuclear arsenal than Washington had calculated.

Under the terms of the United Nations Security Council resolution ending the Gulf War, Iraq was required to provide the UN and the International Atomic Energy Agency with details of its nuclear weapons program. The resolution also called for "the destruction, removal or rendering harmless" of all nuclear weapons-related equipment, materials and facilities.

UN inspection teams were mandated to develop plans for monitoring Iraq's compliance with Resolution 687.

Routed on the battlefield, Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, had no alternative but to accept UN demands.

But now, the UN and Western governments bitterly charge that Iraq has compiled a "clear record of non-compliance" with efforts to destroy its weapons of mass destruction — nuclear, as well as chemical and biological.

The UN has warned Iraq four times that it is in violation of its unconditional pledge to co-

lives, while Iraq managed to spirit away and hide some of the vital equipment needed to build a bomb.

Iraq has been caught caught red-handed trying to circumvent the provisions of Resolution 687. UN inspectors have uncovered a centrifuge production plant and found new evidence that Iraq was building a trigger mechanism, or implosion device. As well, Iraq has admitted experimenting with chemical separation techniques.

The Iraqis claim that their nuclear program is peaceful in purpose, but no one buys that line.

Iraq's nuclear ambitions predate Saddam's accession to the presidency in 1979, and were launched in the 1960s when the Soviet Union agreed to supply Baghdad with a research reactor.

The program took a quantum leap in the mid-1970s, when France sold Iraq an advanced Osiris research reactor. It should be recalled that France, in the 1950s and 1960s, played a crucial role in Israel's march toward nuclear status.

But France and the Soviet Union were not the sole nations which assisted Iraq.

The Iraqis reportedly purchased nuclear research, fuel processing and recycling equipment from Italy, and ore and low-enriched uranium from Brazil, Portugal and Niger.

Western German companies were extremely useful to Iraq, followed by firms from Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Britain and the United States. British and American companies were probably unwitting accomplices, supplying dual-use equipment for allegedly legitimate industrial projects.

China — which established diplomatic relations with Israel on Jan. 24 — has also been implicated. Pakistan — which has no links with Israel — is believed to have provided technical aid, though not materials and equipment.

manufactured reactors.

Israel's secret service is also linked with the June 1980 death of an Egyptian scientist working for the Iraqis, and the August 1980 blast outside the Rome offices of an Italian company whose expertise Iraq had bought.

Not content with these measures, the Israeli aircraft raided the Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad on June 7, 1981, reducing it to rubble.

The bombing stunned the Iraqi leadership, but it also prompted Saddam to develop a far more diversified, and largely clandestine, program — part of which the International Atomic Energy Agency was unable to detect.

Throughout the 1980s, Iraq flouted the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (which Israel has yet to sign).

Now, a little more than one year after the Gulf War, Iraq is trying to rebuild its nuclear program, says Robert Gates, the director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

"In our opinion, Iraq will remain a primary proliferation threat at least as long as Saddam Hussein remains in power," he warned.

Gates added that Iraq's scientific and engineering personnel "will be able to reconstitute any dormant program rapidly."

Israel is monitoring the situation closely, acutely aware that Iraq can theoretically re-emerge as a nuclear threat. Gen. Ehud Barak, the Israeli chief of staff, has said that so long as Saddam rules Iraq and presses ahead with his nuclear program, the current Middle East peace talks will be in jeopardy.

Yet Israel is also worried by Iraq's conventional war-making abilities.

Iraq still possesses hundreds of Scud and Al-Hussein missiles and the capacity to manufacture



Saddam Hussein (centre) seen with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt (left) and the sultan of Qatar, about 2½ months before the Gulf crisis in 1990.

operate with international efforts to catalog and dismantle these programs.

Last month, yet again, Iraq promised to cooperate with the UN. But Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz declared that Iraq will not repudiate its right to be a major military power or to build weapons of mass destruction.

For the past year, Baghdad has played a cat-and-mouse game with the international community. While promising to comply with United Nations demands, the Iraqi regime has consistently tried to conceal the purpose and scope of its nuclear program and the identity of foreign companies and governments involved in its drive to become the first nuclear power in the Arab world.

What is more, Iraq has attempted to obstruct the work of UN inspectors — prompting observers to conclude that Saddam has in fact not given up his aspiration to propel Iraq into the ranks of the exclusive nuclear club.

David Kay, a former UN inspector, said earlier this year that Iraq's \$20 billion bid to build a nuclear strike force would have yielded tangible results within about a year had it not been for the Gulf War.

According to Kay, Iraq's ambitious program employed 20,000 scientists, technicians and engineers. Kay claims that, while the Gulf War damaged Iraq's nuclear program, Iraqi scientific and engineering personnel escaped with their

In its attempt to go nuclear, Iraq faced two enormous challenges — to enrich the uranium in its possession and to design the bomb itself.

By all appearances, Iraq was well on its way to achieving these objectives.

According to Gary Milhollin, director of the Project on Nuclear Arms at the University of Wisconsin, Iraqi scientists made spectacular advances.

They learned how to cast uranium metal into bomb parts in a vacuum furnace. They mastered the problem of solving hydrodynamic equations related to the behavior of shock waves.

Few countries, with the notable exception of Israel, regarded Iraq's nuclear program with alarm. Throughout the 1980s, when Iraq made the most progress in unlocking the secrets of atomic power, Saddam's regime was favorably regarded in the West.

This was the case largely because Iraq was at war with Iran, a country whose fiery Islamic fundamentalism caused concern in Western and Arab capitals.

Israel, of course, was suspicious of Iraqi intentions from the outset. And so, beginning in the late 1970s, the Israelis did their utmost to disrupt Iraq's nuclear program.

The Mossad was apparently behind an explosion in the French port of La Seyne-sur-Mer in April 1979 which wrecked two French-

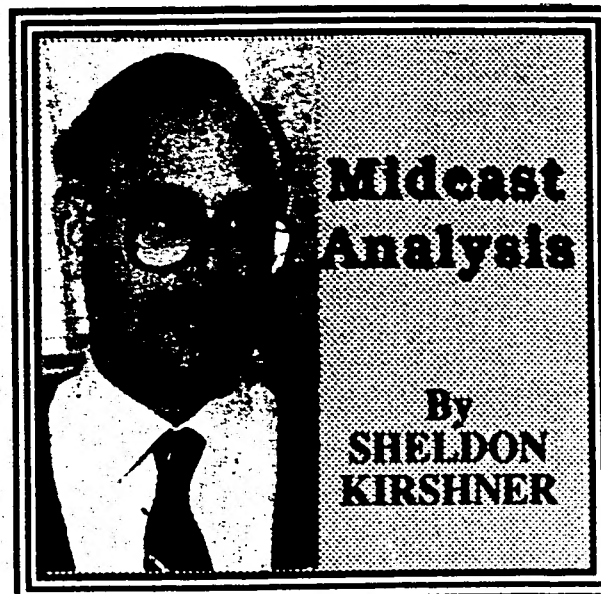
them. United Nations inspectors are due to destroy them, but Iraq may have secret stocks.

Furthermore, Iraq has yet to make a full disclosure of its chemical and biological weapon stockpile, which is said to be considerable.

Although the allies destroyed a great deal of its weapons, Iraq is capable of fielding a relatively large army of 400,000 soldiers, consisting of 5,000 armored vehicles, 1,500 artillery pieces and as many as 300 planes. It is basically a defensive army, but if current UN economic sanctions are lifted, Iraq will be theoretically able to purchase new arms and possibly threaten its neighbors again.

The Bush administration vows it will not lift the sanctions so long as Saddam controls Iraq. Israel hopes that the United States remains true to this policy.

If Iraq does not fully comply with UN resolutions, the United States and its allies may have no choice but to deploy brute force to destroy Iraq's nuclear, biological, chemical and ballistic missile warmaking abilities. Syria and Egypt, which fought in the Gulf War, have already indicated that they will not take part in any military campaign against Iraq. But Israel may well be dragged into any future confrontation, particularly if Iraq fires Scuds at Israeli population centres.



“The road to peace will be very long and... very difficult,” U.S. Secretary of State James Baker prophesied when bilateral Arab-Israeli talks got underway in Madrid on Oct. 30. He was right, of course. Some six months on, after several rounds, an impasse looms.

The negotiations, involving Israel, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and a nominally non-PLO Palestinian delegation, were recessed in Washington on March 4. It was announced last week that they would be reconvened in the American capital on April 27.

After the Washington round and the Israeli elections on June 23, the talks will probably move to a site closer to the Middle East.

Nobody is particularly satisfied with the results so far, although everyone recognizes that dialogue, acrimonious though it may be, is preferable to war.

Israel rejects the Palestinians' demand for elections in the territories, the creation of an independent legislature, and the ultimate establishment of a sovereign state. The Israelis claim that the Palestinians are negotiating in bad faith, given their failure to condemn the spate of terrorism since Oct. 30 perpetrated by Palestinian factions opposed to a diplomatic solution.

The Palestinians, for their part, don't take seriously Israel's scheme for limited Palestinian self-rule. Under its plan, Israel would have control over land, water and security. The Israeli army would remain in place indefinitely. Jewish settlers would be subject to Israeli law and there would be no elections.

Peace talks bog down

Palestinian discontent, too, is a function of the continuing pace of Israeli settlement activity and of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's unyielding declarations rejecting "territorial compromise" (an idea suggested by U.S. President George Bush.)

As well, the Palestinians are angry with Israel's threat to deport Palestinians. Israel's assumption that the Palestinians are not distinct from the Jordanians, and Israel's insistence that members of Palestinian team should not be residents of East Jerusalem or localities outside the territories. (It goes without saying that Israel's unequivocal rejection of the PLO as the Palestinians' sole representative is unpopular in Palestinian circles. Nevertheless, the Palestinians consult regularly with the PLO.)

Israel's talks with Syria are at a dead end, so much so that both sides have described them as "futile."

Delegates can't even agree on the basics — the meaning of United Nations Resolution 242. The Syrians demand a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, while Shamir says that it is not even negotiable. The Israelis speak of their security concerns, of their desire for a peace treaty, of the plight of Syrian Jewry. The Syrians hammer away at their favorite theme — an Israeli withdrawal.

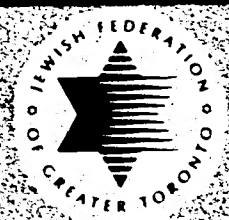
On Dec. 10, the Syrian representative said, "We are offering peace for territory occupied by Israel." But what is Syria's vision of peace? An end to belligerency, as Syria's foreign minister has implied, or the Camp David model, with all its trimmings?

Israel's negotiations with Lebanon have not made much progress either. The Lebanese want full implementation of UN Resolution 425, which calls for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. But Israel is not prepared to dismantle its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon unless Syrian troops move out of Lebanon and all militias, including the Party of God, are totally disarmed and kept in check.

But is the newly-reconstituted Lebanese army capable of pacifying southern Lebanon. It's doubtful. Only now, after 15 years of civil war, is Lebanon rebuilding itself.

Israel has not fared much better with Jordan.

A Jordanian spokesman said recently that the Hashemite Kingdom is prepared to enter into formal diplomatic relations with Israel, provided Israel vacates the West Bank. This proposal is of no real interest to the ideologically-driven Likud government, and the new leader of the Labor party, Yitzhak Rabin, who is anything but a dove, believes that Israel must retain control of strategically vital enclaves on the West Bank.



FEDERATION NEWS

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto--United Jewish Appeal / Operation Exodus Jack Chisvin, President Steven Ain, Executive Director Thursday, April 9, 1992

News Briefs

Commission to begin task

FEDERATION — Jack Chisvin, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has announced that the Federation's Commission on Education is now in place.

Mandated to publish a report of its findings by next March, the commission will explore the state of Jewish education within Toronto's Jewish community. It's been 20 years since the last study, says Chisvin.

Ron Appleby is chairman of the Commission on Education. Commissioners include: Arthur Benjamin; Sandy Brown; Jack Chisvin; Prof. Sydney Eisen; Beverley Lyons; Prof. Jack Mintz; Wendy Posluns; Martin Sable; Lionel Schipper; and Shoel Silver. □

Young construction wraps up

UJA — Howard and Cindy Orfus recently hosted a presentation on London's Canary Wharf, a major project of Olympia & York Developments, Inc. Ron Soskolne, O&Y senior vice-president of planning and development, discussed and offered a slide show of the sprawling European centre.

The event was the final campaign year program of the Young Construction Division of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus. Young Construction incorporates a broad spectrum of those involved in the industry who are 40 and under or relatively new to that area of business. Divisional chairmen are David Dulberg and Glen Shear.

The program marked the end of a productive year, in which the division saw a 35-percent card for card increase over the previous year, including new gifts. The increase represented around 12 percent of the overall campaign, said Dulberg. □



Young construction co-chairs Glen Shear and David Dulberg.

Fed Facts

Most Toronto Jews are middle- and upper middle-class. But many Jews have low or moderate incomes.

The median household income reported by respondents is \$55,000. Approximately one-fifth of the households report annual incomes of over \$100,000. In spite of the apparent level of financial comfort the community has achieved, there are significant subgroups with serious financial difficulties.

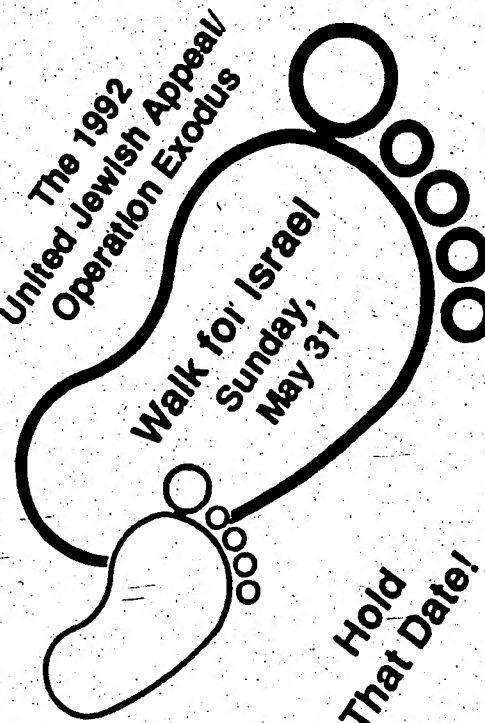
Thus, although slightly over one-tenth reports household incomes

below \$20,000, there are groups whose proportion is two, three, or four times as high. The elderly, the disabled, and single parents each constitute economically vulnerable groups. This is true not only in absolute but in relative terms. For example, respondents in the 35-44 age range are highly unlikely to report household incomes below \$20,000, but nearly a third of all single parents in this age group are in this economic category. (From *A First Look*, a Greater Toronto Jewish community study published by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto) □

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Outgoing campaign co-chairs look back as incoming chairmen focus on horizon

During the past United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus campaign, "An Extraordinary Year" was more than just the campaign's slogan. What transformed that "extraordinary year" into something more "miraculous" is that, despite a crippling economic downturn, Toronto proved itself as a generous light unto other major Jewish communities.

At the helm of the most recent UJA/Operation Exodus campaign were co-chairs Paul Morton and Judy Scheininger.

"In many ways, it's a shame so few people get to co-chair the campaign," says Morton. "It's been one of the great experiences of my lifetime, one of the greatest years of my life. I was very privileged to have it."

He explains that the UJA/Operation Exodus campaign altered and changed his life.

"It got me intensely involved in Toronto's Jewish community, Israel and Judaism," he says. "It made me realize what a wonderful community we have. The overwhelming bulk of those I dealt with are a wonderful, dedicated core. We are aided and abetted by a very strong numbers of volunteers and supporters who are necessary to make a community function. That's what makes ours one of the best communities in the world."

"I can name highlights — the whole year was a highlight," says Scheininger.

Scheininger has been an active participant in UJA/Operation Exodus for the better part of a decade. She chaired its Women's Division and worked her way up through the ranks by dedication and perseverance.

"The highlight was the people we worked with, the team, the chairs, their dedication, desire and willingness to make the campaign the very best," she declares. "One of the fringe benefits of communal work is the very special relationships that come of it."

"It's important that the next generation understands why families are so supportive of UJA"

She offers incoming co-chairs Bernard Ghert and Neil Nisker the following advice: "Reach for the stars and you may land on the roof. Reach for the roof, and you may not get off the ground."

"I see a job to be done and I want to do it as well as it can possibly be done," says Ghert, who describes himself as a newcomer to Jewish fund raising. "I want to raise money for Israel and the local Jewish community."

Looking ahead, he stresses that the needs are great. "The economy is not strong. There are others

besides UJA that are competing. But if UJA doesn't do what it has to, Israel will suffer, social service agencies will suffer and Jewish education will be threatened. People who need help simply won't get it."

Ghert hopes to find people who have not given and to "find those who don't even exist on the list. We will go to people who have skipped a number of years. We have got to get people who have not been giving as much as they could."

Nisker recalls a chilly morning, waiting at a train station in the Soviet Union once used to transport Jews to their death. This time, the anticipation was for a train load of Soviet Jews who were aliya-bound.

"That image will stay with me forever," says Nisker. "I'll never forget that."

Nisker says that teaching children to give tzedaka is the bottom line. Nisker and his wife Rachel have formed a charitable foundation that will involve their children later in life.

"It's important that the next generation understands why families are so supportive of UJA. It has to be addressed and in the future, has to be dealt with. There is no doubt in my mind that, being a Jew, the most important organization is UJA, because it represents the greatest kind of good — the majority of good for Toronto Jews and Israel." □

UJA/Operation Exodus contributes to Israel

ISRAEL — The Ethiopian immigration to Israel is an unforgettable drama and challenge that is transforming the Jewish state as well as the Jewish community at large. No other immigration wave has had to walk so quickly through centuries of civilization in order to rejoin the nation of Israel.

Close to 20,000 of Israel's 40,000 Ethiopian Jews arrived last year alone.

Sixty percent of Ethiopian arrivals are under 18 years old. Thousands of them are entering mainstream Israeli society through the Youth Aliya program. Virtually all Youth Aliya graduates serve in the Israeli Defence Forces. A number of them have completed officer training courses. Increasing numbers of Ethiopians are entering Israel's universities.

Yaakov Vleonid, together with Zalman and Mark Borik, came to Israel from Odessa late in September of 1990. Vleonid began working in his profession at a clothes factory, and by the following May,

with help from his brother and son-in-law, he established his own factory, Milna. He brought some of the necessary equipment from the former Soviet Union, and purchased the rest second-hand in Israel. Today, Milna employs 14 workers and manufactures clothes for Israeli designer labels, including Gottex.

The Boriks recently received a recognition award financial prize

from Israeli president Chaim Herzog, after being chosen by the Israel Chambers of Commerce as "Outstanding Entrepreneurs."

Hundreds of thousands of new immigrants have arrived in Israel in the past two years. They were assisted by Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, through the Jewish Agency. *Ha'aretz* and *United Jewish Appeal Press Service* contributed to this report. □



The youngest Ethiopian olim are feeling more comfortable as they begin settling into their new home in Israel.

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CJN
Exclusive

Avi Armoni

As director of the New Israel Fund in Israel, Avi Armoni oversees \$8.5 million worth of funding to Israeli non-profit organizations. The fund, a joint effort of Israelis and North Americans to address social and economic issues in Israel, was established in 1979.

Armoni, who received his law degree from Hebrew University in 1971, was special adviser to Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek from 1986 to 1990, a job which included facilitating co-existence between various ethnic and religious groups. Prior to that, he practised commercial law for 10 years, after leaving the Israel National Police, where he had attained the rank of Chief Inspector. He joined the NIF in 1991, and spoke to CJN reporter Frances Kraft when he was in Toronto recently as part of a North American speaking tour.

CJN: The Israel Women's Network is one of the major beneficiaries of the New Israel Fund. What women's issues are you focusing on that are unique to Israel?

Armoni: I would say that we have an acute problem in three areas. One is that we do not see many women involved in the political process. The Knesset has fewer women members now than 20 years ago. The Israel Women's Network started a campaign that says Women Elect Parties Who Elect Women.

The second thing is that women are being discriminated against by the lack of separation of church and state in Israel. They are excluded from certain positions on religious boards. The issues of marriage and divorce are dealt with by rabbinical courts. Rabbinical courts do not have any women judges, only male rabbis, so on issues of personal matters, when a court of law is involved, you know that as a woman you'll always be tried by a man.

CJN: How does that affect non-Jewish women in Israel?

Armoni: Muslim women go to a Muslim court, and other women can go to a district court. Jewish women HAVE to go to the rabbinical courts. They have a monopoly on that.

The third area is that there's not enough recognition of the whole issue of domestic violence. We need shelters, rape crisis centres, and hotlines.

The only part of all this that is unique to Israel is the part about religious courts.

CJN: What about the army?

Armoni: Women are not always treated equally in the army because they are not given combat positions. I think that there's a move now to have the women soldiers have more active roles in combat.

People used to say, "Women serve in the army; yes, they serve coffee in the army, but they don't serve equally."

CJN: Could you comment on the NIF's work in human rights and how that ties in with the peace process and the theme of coexistence?

Armoni: I think that our human rights support is not directly associated with peace, but indirectly what we do is actually bringing about peace. The Arabs who have been in Israel since 1948 and have not been treated equally will be turned against Israel if we do not give them equality. So our work in giving the Arabs of Israel equal opportunity and equal access is a declaration of the strength of our democracy.

We are dealing with hardships such as deportation, family reunification, and house demolitions, not the political part. We feel that the human rights element is so important that it's actually building a level of understanding and trust between two nations.

We fund an organization called B'Tselem. B'Tselem is the single most important Israeli organization that monitors human rights infringements in the territories. Their reports have been extremely influential in the formation of public opinion in Israel. They have written reports on all major issues of life in the territories, and they have given unique information to Israel.

There is no other organization that supports all of the human rights like we do.

CJN: How does an organization qualify to receive a grant from the NIF?

Armoni: They have to be a non-profit, non-partisan organization that is active in one of our five areas: human rights, equality for women, coexistence, religious pluralism, or social and economic gaps. And now we've added a sixth: governmental reform.

And we give in two ways: we give them money, and we give them technical assistance. We have our own in-house independent entity called SHATIL that gives technical assistance on issues ranging from working with media to how to build coalitions, how to lobby, how to work with your board, how to do fundraising. The services are free to the grantees. Sometimes the services are worth more than our financial contribution. We've been funding about 200 organizations in all.

CJN: Tell me about the Reebok Fellowship for Human Rights Law?

Armoni: Every year we send three lawyers to Washington, D.C., to do a Master's degree in civil liberties law. After they finish their studies, they work in one of the civil rights organizations in North America, and then they come back to Israel. We pay them to work for one of our grantees for a year as part of the fellowship.

We can safely say that we have, with this program, created a civil liberties bar in Israel.

The program has been in existence for seven years, and we now have 17 such lawyers. Literally every lawyer in Israel who's active either privately or in one of the public interest groups like the Association for Civil Rights, is a grantee of ours. We can really take credit for that. The Reebok Foundation funds part of that program.

CJN: And why Reebok?

Armoni: Reebok is very active in the whole area of human rights. They give annual awards for human rights, so they're very, very involved in it.

CJN: Is there any Jewish connection?

Armoni: Reebok is owned by a Jew. I have never met him. The connection is with the Reebok



Foundation. As it happens, he is Jewish, but I think that most of their awards are given to non-Israeli organizations, or non-Jewish organizations, so I think we got it on the merit of the program, not because it's a Jew giving.

CJN: What are your expectations for the lawyers after they finish their work with the grantees?

Armoni: After the year with us, they can do whatever they like, but what we see is that all of them remain in the area of civil rights. Without expectations, it becomes their life and their career and their everything, because there's so much to do in Israel.

CJN: What do you do to help the Soviet and Ethiopian olim that's different from other organizations in Israel?

Armoni: First of all, we believe in giving tools to people, not services. The tools that we give are empowerment tools, so that they themselves

can deal with their own situations.

We have helped the Ethiopians establish an umbrella organization for all the Ethiopian olim groups in Israel.

With Russian immigrants we have programs such as seminars on democracy. We provide legal assistance to Russian immigrants to know their rights. We give money to a grantee that teaches Russian women modern contraception. The only way they know is abortion and not only is it becoming harder and harder to have abortions in Israel, but this is unhealthy, unsafe, crazy. We are working with a few self-help, advocacy groups for victims of the Chernobyl disasters, and a whole variety of programs where we include a Russian or Ethiopian component to our normal activities, but we don't deal with the elements of housing and employment.

CJN: One of your beneficiaries, the National Council for the Child, is campaigning to increase the awareness of child abuse in Israel. I'd like to ask you about that, because the perception that people have here...

Armoni: ...is that it doesn't happen in Israel. It's a very child-loving society, but sometimes there's incest and sometimes there's child abuse, and apparently the percentages of child abuse in Israel are similar to the percentages of child abuse in the Western world. So we could safely say that the problem is, roughly speaking, the same problem as you might have here in Canada or in the United States, which is alarming and needs handling.

I think the greatest awareness achievement of our grantees in the past few years were in the areas of awareness of domestic violence against women, and the awareness that we have of child abuse. We're beginning to see an increase in reporting and handling of child abuse.

CJN: What has the reaction of the Israelis been?

Armoni: At first they didn't believe it, but when you have solid evidence, and there was even a case of a death of a child, then the truth hits you in the face.

This is in many ways what the NIF is all about. It's to take certain societal problems out in the open and not deny that they exist, but to handle them, and until now we literally denied their existence.

CJN: Do you have any statistics?

Armoni: Not with me, but yes, oh yes. I'll give you an example. In 1991 compared to 1990 there was a 35 percent increase in domestic violence against women. Part of that was due to a real increase in violence against women, which is frightening.

There were 34 women during 1991 who were murdered by their own husbands or spouses.

These were mostly Jewish women, because I'm not counting all the Arab women who were murdered by their families to protect the so-called family honor.

I think 34 is a very high number. There's an increase in violence, but, and this is important, part of the 35 percent increase is an increase in reporting because of awareness.

CJN: What has the NIF done in the area of domestic violence?

Armoni: Media. A lot of media. That's our awareness campaign. Lectures to all policemen in training courses. Meetings and lectures in hospitals. Court watches.

A bill was passed last year which for the first time gives the court the ability to remove the offender from the house so women do not have to run away to shelters; instead they can go to court to remove the husbands. This is a direct result of the Israel Women's Network together with ACRI (Association for Civil Rights in Israel). This is a terrific example of the integration between two grantees of ours, which sustains my notion that we are greater than just the total sum of our grantees. I think that what's happening is that many of our grantees are now sometimes joining together and creating a synergistic impact on Israel.

CJN: The Centre for Jewish-Arab Economic Development is another of your beneficiaries. One of the things it does is to facilitate joint Jewish-



Arab business ventures. How common are such ventures?

Armoni: They are something new, but I think that the common part of it is less important than the actual investment in the economy of the Arab sector in Israel.

CJN: How do these ventures actually work?

Armoni: In Israel, not one single Arab town or village has an approved enterprise status to attract industry or business, while almost every Jewish development town in Israel would have this status, which means that whoever starts a business in these areas would get tax reliefs, grants, and assistance, in order to attract businesses or industry to these development towns.

The centre is trying not only to match Jewish businesses with Arab businesses but also to train and give information to Arab businesses about export opportunities and strategic alliances. This fund has started giving small business loans. They're currently working on a couple of joint ventures. One of them is some kind of a shopping and commerce centre between neighboring Jewish and Arab communities. They're working on a few others, and they are beginning to have some impact.

The shopping and commercial centre is Arab land and Jewish investment, and some Jewish know-how and joint management. That's unusual.

CJN: How is the NIF addressing environmental issues?

Armoni: We are funding ECONET (the Israel environment defence agency). It's not one of our six areas, but we have assisted that organization and funded it through our connections with other grantees. And they've now been in existence for over a year, they've had spectacular success, especially in forcing the Israeli government to come up with some environment protection policy, especially for our water. They have taken some citizens' actions to court, and are beginning to create an Israeli feeling that even the environment can be changed by involvement. So this is the beginning of a great success story, I think.

CJN: Is the NIF affiliated with Reform Judaism?

Armoni: We don't fund religious movements per se, but we fund a program run by the Israel Movement for Progressive (Reform) Judaism. The program is one of legal assistance to Russian and Ethiopian immigrants. They are doing excellent work on basic human rights issues, so we fund them. We're not funding the movement or any religious activities.

CJN: Do Orthodox Israelis perceive that there is a religious tie-in with Reform Judaism?

Armoni: I offered to fund similar programs in the Orthodox community, but they haven't yet approached us.

CJN: Do Orthodox women call your hotlines?

Armoni: Oh yes. And the same with battered women's shelters. They're human beings. They have incest; they have all the problems. Some have more than others.

Organizations and People

Students argue in favor of wearing swastikas

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The freedom of speech issue for racism has surfaced in a suburban Winnipeg high school.

On March 11, Victor Schwartzman, one of several speakers at a day-long conference at Dakota Collegiate, was leading a discussion on racism and the need for tolerance of other groups' traditions. He focused on the issue of Sikh turbans. According to Schwartzman, several students began arguing that if Sikhs could be allowed to wear their turbans, they (the students) should be allowed to wear swastikas.

"I have been speaking to groups about human rights for five years," says Schwartzman, director of Winnipeg's Unemployed Help Centre. "I have spoken at Dakota Collegiate before. I have had questions about reverse discrimination. This is the first time I have run into this neo-Nazi stuff."

Schwartzman tolerated the students for a time to hear other students' reaction. He reports two or three argued against the disruptive students; the rest sat quietly, some nodding their heads in apparent agreement with the students' arguments. Eventually he asked them to leave.

"I don't think they were grandstanding," he says. "I think they really believe this stuff."

Afterwards, he was challenged by another student who felt Schwartzman had "stepped on" the disruptive students and limited their "freedom of speech."

"I asked her what about my freedom of speech and responsible freedom of speech," he says, "but she didn't seem to understand."

Michael Gordon, a teacher who was in

the room and didn't intervene, saw things differently. In a report he was asked to write on the incident by his superintendent, Wendell Sparkes, Gordon agreed the students' views were disturbing but he felt it was important for the discussion to continue in hopes the students would come to realize their views were harmful. He felt all the other students supported Schwartzman and said several expressed disgust with the neo-Nazi views.

"I felt Mr. Schwartzman was doing a good job addressing those views and discussing the harm they could cause," he wrote. "I felt silencing or removing the students would not have been beneficial. Attitudes cannot change without communication. My impression was that was the purpose of the conference. That is why I allowed the students to continue speaking."

Wayne Ruff, the school's principal, supports Schwartzman's and Gordon's decision to let the discussion continue. "I don't think silencing the students is a way to combat racism."

Both Ruff and Sparkes report Dakota Collegiate has had an anti-racism program in place at the Grade 12 level for four years (Schwartzman's audience was composed of grades 11 and 12 students) and a Holocaust unit is on the Grade 12 curriculum. "Maybe we should look at teaching these programs earlier," says Ruff.

Schwartzman says human rights and racism should be taught in every school in Manitoba. "I don't want to make a big deal of this," he says. "I hope the board and the school division continue working with that school. Some things are happening there but, obviously, not enough. There is enough anti-Semitism around already."

Correction

In the article, Jewish high school students to hold national convention in the March 19 issue of *The CJN*, the name of the student organization was misspelled. The correct name is NAHON, an acronym for North American High School Organization Network.

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Former Israel president to address CJC Plenary

TORONTO —

Former Israel president Yitzhak Navon will be a keynote speaker May 20 on the opening evening of the 23rd National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel.

Navon, presently a Labor Party member of the Knesset, will share the podium with Maj. Gen. Uzi Narkiss at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the 25th anniversary of the Six Day War. At 8:30 p.m. he will provide the address at a gala commemoration for Sepharad '92.

Navon was born in Jerusalem in 1921 to a family based in Jerusalem for over 300 years. His father, Yosef, was a teacher and scribe. Navon's mother, Miriam, was born in Morocco to Rabbi Yaakov and Hannah Ben Atar, who brought her to Jerusalem as a small child.

Yitzhak Navon's first professional employment was as a teacher. However, he was diverted from teaching to public life when, in 1946, he was asked to direct the Arabic Department of the Haganah — the Jewish Defence Forces — in Jerusalem. He continued in this position until the end of the War of Independence in 1948.

Following the establishment of the State of Israel, Navon was sent to Uruguay and Argentina to serve as second secretary to the Israeli Consulate. Upon his return to Israel in 1951, he was appointed political secretary to foreign minister Moshe Sharett. Late in 1952, he became director of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's office. He served in this capacity until 1963, when Ben-Gurion resigned from the premiership.

From 1963 through 1965, Navon was the director of the Culture Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Directing the literacy campaign, he mobilized hundreds of women soldiers to teach Hebrew to adults in villages and development towns.

Resigning from the civil service in 1965, he was elected to the Knesset as a member of Rafi — David Ben-Gurion's



Yitzhak Navon

newly-formed party. During his Knesset years, Navon served as deputy speaker and chairman of the defence and foreign affairs committee.

Navon has served as the chairman of the World Zionist Council, the America-Israel Cultural Fund and of the Neot Kedumim Society — a network of biblical and talmudic gardens.

Navon served as president of the State of Israel from 1978 through 1983.

In September 1984 he was appointed deputy prime minister and minister of education and culture. He is presently the honorary world chairman of Sepharad '92.

Navon is fluent in Hebrew, English, Arabic and Spanish. In 1968 he wrote *Romancero Sephardi*, a musical presentation of sacred and secular songs of Sephardi Jewry. This was succeeded by *Bustan Sephardi*, a dramatic presentation of culture and life among Jerusalem's Sephardi families. The play was performed hundreds of times and received the prestigious David's Harp Award. His book *Six Days and Seven Gates*, a tale of Jerusalem, was inspired by the Six Day War.

Organizations and People

Yachdav seeking participants

TORONTO —

United Israel Appeal/Keren Hayesod will sponsor Yachdav '92, an international Young Leadership mission to Prague and Israel, from Aug. 9 to 19. The program is designed to bring together young Jewish leaders from communities in South America, Europe, South Africa and elsewhere.

The trip will include visits to the "model" Theresienstadt concentration camp and Jewish landmarks. Czech leader Vaclav Havel will address the group.

The Israel portion of the mission will include briefings with top-level Israeli politicians, discussion on the ongoing Middle East peace talks, observance of the 25th anniversary of the Six Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem as well as Israeli entertainment provided by local performers.

Yachdav '92 is open to all young Jewish leaders or potential leaders between the ages of 25 and 40 who make a minimum contribution to their local UIA/UJA/CJA campaign.

The minimum gift to UIA in Toronto is \$1,000 and the cost of the program is \$1,950. The minimum CJA gift in Montreal is \$1,200 and the cost is \$1,695, with a \$1,495 early bird special for those registering before April 17.

Prospective Yachdav '92 participants from all other Canadian communities should contact their local federation for the exact cost and minimum campaign contribution applicable to their community. Space is limited.



Yachdav '92, a mission sponsored by United Israel Appeal/Keren Hayesod, will go to Prague and Israel in August. Participants on the previous Yachdav mission posed in front of the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

For more information, contact UIA of Canada at (416) 636-7655 or your local fed-

eration. In Montreal, call (514) 345-2637 and in Toronto, call (416) 635-2883, ext. 166.

Board under fire for funding stance

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Hundreds of Metro Toronto ratepayers are expected to attend a meeting of the Metro Toronto Board of Education to show their displeasure at the board's decision to participate in a court case on public funding for Jewish schools.

Murray Segal, chairman of OJAE, a Canadian Jewish Congress committee that lobbies for the funding, will ask the board to reassess its decision to join the case as an intervener in opposition to public funding for Jewish schools, said Congress spokesman Bernie Farber.

Families For Religious Equality in Education (FFREE), a volunteer organization that represents parents with children in Jewish day schools, along with the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, is calling on ratepayers to attend the meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at the board's

offices at 45 York Mills Road, at Yonge Street.

In a letter to parents of day school students, FFREE chairman Trudy Shecter said that "elected school trustees are using our tax dollars to finance their intervention against the funding of Jewish day schools."

"It is bad enough that public boards refuse

to understand the discrimination inherent in this case. It is worse that they are fighting us tooth and nail, especially at a time when public boards claim to have no money to pay their teachers. Remember, this case may end up costing over one million taxpayers' dollars."

For more information, Shecter can be contacted at 631-5680.

Delegates share experiences

[Cont'd. from page 2]

in small communities. They also discussed common missions in which they would like to participate, including Yachdav, an international mission to Prague and Israel.

"One of the results of the meeting is that this group will continue to communicate," said Rubinstein.

The group agreed to set up an international Keren Hayesod Young Leadership group. According to Loretta Levinson, who co-

chaired the group's trip to Washington for a UJA conference, it was refreshing to hear that other countries besides Canada experience similar successes and failures.

"It was very exciting to hear about the efforts in other countries," she said. "The U.S. is so organized. We had the opportunity to exchange notes on campaign and Young Leadership from other groups elsewhere in the world. It was very motivating to hear that some of the things we're going through, they are too," she added.

Pray leaders get training

NEW YORK —

More than 100 men and women are participating in a nationwide two-year Ba'al Tefila training program being offered by the Cantors Assembly to meet the growing need for qualified lay pray leaders to conduct those portions of the services at which the cantor generally does not officiate, according to Hazzan Nathan Lam, president of the world's largest body of hazzanim.

The special training course was introduced as a three-day Ba'al Tefil Institute at the Cantors Assembly's 43rd annual convention in 1990. It will again be featured at this year's convention, which will be held from May 10 to 14 at the Bonaventure Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Designed for lay persons who wish to improve their skills as ba'alei tefila (prayer leaders), the full two-year course covers the weekday Shacharit (morning) service, the Sabbath introductory prayer (P'sukei Dezimra) and Mincha (afternoon service), as well as Shacharit services, Torah reading and shofar blowing for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

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Participants generally meet for one or two sessions per week with the instructor, said Hazaan Samuel Rosenbaum, executive vice-president of the Cantors Assembly. Most groups begin with the study of the weekday morning prayers, he said. Where there is a specific demand, others begin with a study of the High Holiday prayers. Upon completing the program, participants will receive a certificate from the Cantors Assembly attesting to their competence in this area.

Supplementing the formal instruction are a four-volume set of text books with complete musical settings and audio-cassettes for each of the services, including Torah trop (cantillation modes) for the High Holidays. The materials were prepared by Hazzan Pinchas Siro of Des Moines, Iowa, who conducted the Ba'al Tefila Institutes at the last two conventions.

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JFGT
promotes
Jewish
theatre

TORONTO —

The theatre committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is in the process of developing a multi-media exhibition.

The mandate of the committee is to promote Jewish theatre in Canada.

According to Ralph Wintrob, theatre committee chairman, materials from the bygone days of Toronto's Jewish theatre must be gathered.

"We've been talking about this for about six months," he says. "We had a presentation last spring about the old Standard Theatre, which was the centre of Jewish theatrical life in Toronto."

"As a result of that lecture and the annual play writing contest that we sponsor, we thought it would be wonderful if we could develop a presentation similar to a Coat of Many Colours, which was an exhibit held at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa."

That exhibit highlighted the history of small Jewish communities in Canada, using artifacts, videos and interactive devices.

Canadian
history

"It was like walking through a little bit of Canadian history," Wintrob explains.

The committee is hoping to do the same for Jewish theatre, which has a colorful tradition that launched the careers of many prominent stage personalities.

The committee is seeking materials, artifacts and recollections by fans of Jewish theatre.

"We need to know what's out there and how much time it would take to get it so that we could put together a proposal to submit to the Endowment Fund," he explains.

The idea is to use the exhibition as either a model for other communities or to have the theatre committee take the exhibition on the road so that other communities could enhance it by adding material of their own to the basic format.

"Then, if our dreams could really come true, we could have some kind of drama festival for Jewish groups, either nationally or internationally in conjunction with this exhibition," says Wintrob.

Needed are scripts, playbills, ads, costumes, sets, announcements and other artifacts, as well as people who remember the days of Jewish theatre and are willing to have their recollections documented.

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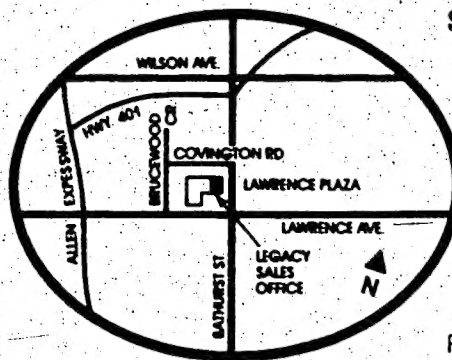
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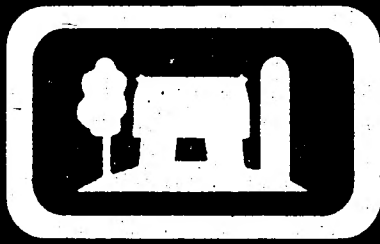


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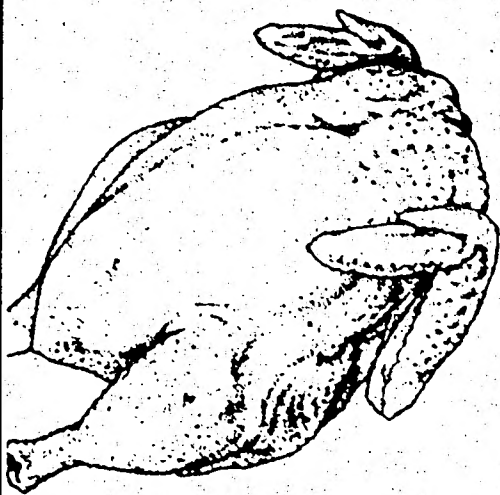
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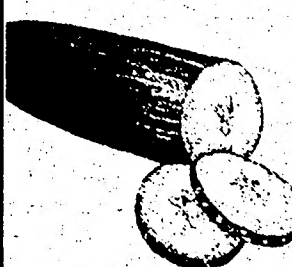
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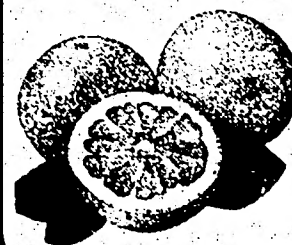
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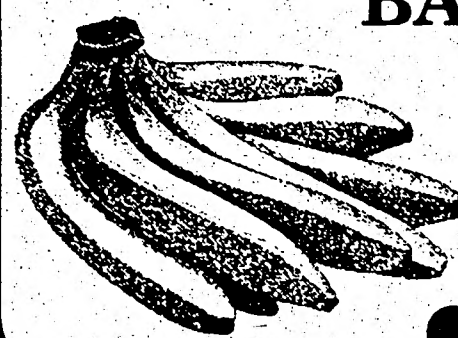
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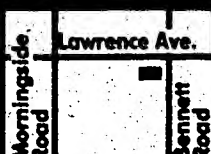


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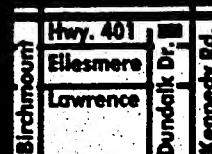
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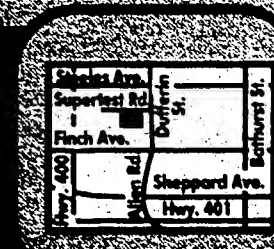
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Presenting the Israel Unity Award to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto are (at far right): Lawrence Waller and Charles Diamond of State of Israel Bonds. Accepting the award are Federation president Jack Chisvin (second from left) and Federation director Steve Ain. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

BB helps organize Kenora model seder

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

B'nai Brith Canada Midwest region and the small Jewish community in Kenora, Ont., are holding a special model seder on April 13 for the congregants of Kenora's Knox United Church at the invitation of the church.

In January, Rev. Russell Wardell, Knox United's minister, wrote a letter to Kenora Mayor Kelvin Winkler, who is Jewish, asking for advice on having a Pesach seder. Wardell and his worship committee were planning for "Holy Week," April 13-19 — the week before Easter. They began discussing the seder meal which Jesus, as a Jew, would have participated in and decided they wanted to experience such a meal. Thus they decided to invite either the members of Kenora's Jewish community or Winnipeg's Jewish community to come and conduct a seder in the church with members of the congregation.

"For our church, the benefits would be having the spiritual experience of participating in what we believe to have been one of the last acts of Jesus of Nazareth and we would have the opportunity to meet people of another faith," Wardell wrote.

Kenora has a Jewish community of three and a half families. "we couldn't have done this seder by ourselves," said Winkler. "I contacted the B'nai Brith office in Winnipeg. I am grateful B'nai Brith picked up the ball and ran with it."

B'nai Brith is doing the seder

through its League for Human Rights' community outreach program and dialogue with different faiths. "Rabbi (Judah) Kogen (of Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue) is acting as our adviser," said Gabe Broder, executive director for the Midwestern region.

Broder said arrangements have been made to kasher the dishes at the church. Kenora's Jewish community will be preparing the seder plates and the symbols. He expects a group of 10 or 12 will be coming out from Winnipeg with haggadahs, yarmulkes and Pesach food prepared by Winnipeg Jewish caterer Desserts Plus. Weidman Foods Inc. is supplying the matzah.

"We expect from conversations we have had that there should be about 75 people at the seder including 50 from the church," Broder said. "We will be seated about eight to 10 people around each table."

The services will be conducted in English with an explanation of the symbols and a discussion of the history context. "We expect to stress Jesus' Jewish origins and explain what was happening with the Jews at that time," said Broder. A discussion will follow the meal.

There will also be six matzahs out in remembrance of the six million who perished in the Holocaust. "This is particularly important in meeting non-Jews," Broder said.

The reverend, he noted, will be providing kosher wine from the Ontario Liquor Commission. "We can't bring wine across the border," said Broder.

JFGT buys \$1m Bond note

TORONTO —

The officers of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto recently voted to purchase a \$1 million note through the Toronto office of State of Israel Bonds.

In a ceremony marking the event, Federation president, Jack Chisvin and executive director Steve Ain were presented with the Israel Unity Award by Charles Diamond, executive vice president of Canada-Israel Securities and Lawrence Waller, executive director of the Toronto office for State of Israel Bonds.

"The purchase of a million dollar note by the Federation represents an act of leadership that is consistent with longstanding community policy," said Diamond, a past president of the Federation. "We have always said that in terms of tzedakah, the

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Notes can be purchased in increments of \$250,000, \$500,000 or \$1 million. One of the other benefits of the note program pointed out by Diamond was that "Israel receives the money within 24 hours of securing the note." In the wake of the refusal by the Bush administration to grant Israel the \$10 billion in loan guarantees, the Bond organization is eager to assist anyone interested in learning more about this innovative method of helping Israel in its current cash squeeze.

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Rikudiyah salutes world of Sephardi Jews

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Almost 500 years to the day after Jews were ordered expelled from Spain on March 31, 1492, the 22nd annual Rikudiyah saluted the World of Sepharad by featuring dances from countries which have played host to Jews of Spanish origin.

It's a long way from Turkey, Greece, Italy or Holland to York University's Tait Mackenzie Gym, but music, dance and costumes helped bridge the gap for the dancers and for about 1,000 parents, grandparents and siblings who crowded onto hard wooden bleachers to watch the children's Israeli folk dance festival.

Rikudiyah is not a competition, but rather a festival for shared experience, explained Marilyn Saltzman, board member of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) of Toronto which co-sponsored the event along with the Board of Jewish Education (BJE).

Over 400 students from 21 Jewish schools and organizations participated, each representing a different country. Simple costumes hinted at the countries. Shaar Shalom students sported Mexican sombreros; Beth Tikvah students, representing Italy, wore red, green and

white streamers attached to their wrists; youngsters from the JCC had pictures of windmills on the backs of their vests.

The Villagefolk ensemble, an adult group, kicked off the festival with the Turkish Adiyaman Suite. Canadian Dance Tapestry also performed one number, Jarabe Tapatio, better known here as the Mexican Hat Dance.

The participating schools filled the gym floor as they took part in a number of dances simultaneously, including a dance that they learned on the spot, based on a popular Sephardi melody used for Shabbat zemirot, with words in both Hebrew and Ladino.

Narration, including historical background on Sephardi Jews, about 40,000 of whom live in Canada, was provided by 17-year-old student Jordan Schwartz and by festival founder and director Teme Kernerman (the "heart and soul of Rikudiyah," as she was referred to by at least two other speakers).

Maurice Benzacar brought greetings from the Ontario Sephardic Association, of which he is president. Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, BJE, gave the closing remarks.

Participating schools included the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and Mississauga's Bet Sefer Solel.



Participants from Bathurst campus, United Synagogue Day School folk dance group at Rikudiyah '92 included (from left) Miriam Weinstein, Karina Ebrani (teacher), Naomi Schwartz and Elana Schwartz.

Moose Jaw assists Jewish youth

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Although their own young people have moved on, the remaining members of the Moose Jaw Jewish community have taken steps to provide for other Jewish youth throughout Saskatchewan.

The newly established Moose Jaw Hebrew Community Commemorative Fund, to be administered through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, is primarily meant to support programs for Jewish high school and university students in Saskatchewan (and Manitoba as well) in perpetuity. A smaller amount of money generated by the fund will be given each year as well to maintain and preserve the Moose Jaw community memorial plaque in Regina's Beth Jacob Synagogue and for the maintenance and support of the Regina chevra kadisha.

Moose Jaw, located about 40 miles southwest of Regina, is a community of about 35,000. The first Jews arrived in the community in 1910. At its peak in the early 1950s, the city's Jewish community numbered about 50 families. That number has dwindle

dled to just over a dozen long-time residents and a couple of South African Jewish doctors and their families.

In June, 1977, the Jewish community celebrated the 50th anniversary of its synagogue, The House of Israel. The event was chaired by long time resident Jack Freiden. Thirty-five former members of the community came back for the occasion. In more recent years, the synagogue was used only for yom tov services. A couple of years ago, the building was sold and its contents relocated to a new shul in Kelowna, B.C. The Moose Jaw community's archives were turned over to the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada.

Although they have established the commemorative fund with the Jewish Foundation, the remaining members of the community have held some money back.

"We want to keep the memory of our community alive in Moose Jaw too," says Freiden's wife, Rhoda. "Possibly we will establish something at the hospital. We will also as individuals continue to work for and support Hadassah and the United Israel Appeal. We will do what we can."

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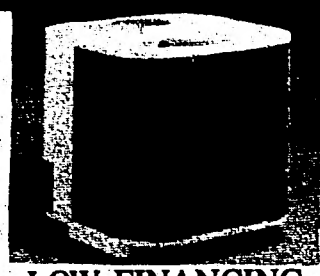
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Rabbi urges shuls to open their doors for AA meetings

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Synagogues do not have a good record in opening their doors to meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, according to Rabbi Robert Marcus of Farmingdale, New York.

"That is to our shame," Rabbi Marcus said in a lecture titled Judaism's Attitudes Towards Substance Abuse at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in a series observing the 25th anniversary of the synagogue. Rabbi Marcus is a former rabbi at Beth Tikvah and now is spiritual leader of the Farmingdale Jewish Centre.

He said he supported the idea of opening the doors of shuls free of charge to Alcoholics Anonymous and similar groups.

(In Toronto the Jewish Recovery Network has sponsored meetings in several synagogues dealing with alcohol and drug problems. Phone 225-0547 for further information.)

Jewish sources do not speak in terms of abuse but instead of appropriate and inappropriate uses of alcohol and drugs, he said.

According to Jewish sources, drunkenness doesn't mean stumbling around, but it does mean acting contrary to community expectations. "Acting silly at a wedding is okay but

not opening a bottle alone at a bar," he explained.

There is approval for 10 cups of wine in a mourner's house, he said. "Those of you disturbed at behavior at modern day shivas would really be surprised at how they were getting smashed in the old days."

Speaking approvingly of "ethno-therapy" Rabbi Marcus said the further away Jewish addicts have strayed from their roots, the more difficult it is to treat them, while prospects improve when they return.

There is evidence that women suffer more from the effects of alcohol than men. "Many women don't start drinking until they are in their 40s when they are subject to stress and tremendous hormonal changes."

The rate of drunkenness among Holocaust survivors is three times higher than among other Jews, Rabbi Marcus said.

A 1985 survey in the United States showed that 18 percent of addicts in a random sample of the population were Jewish, which Rabbi Marcus described as "high".

Drug and alcohol use seems to be evenly spread throughout the whole Jewish population, no matter what religious division, he said. "This applies even to the chassidic population."

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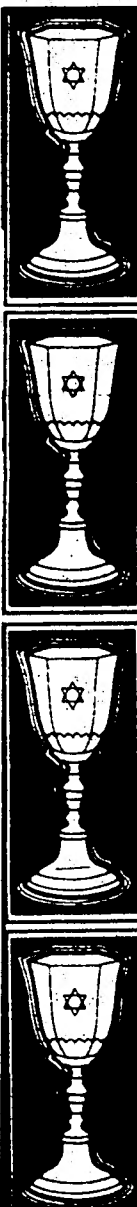
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DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, April 9 is deadline for April 23 issue and Thursday April 16 is deadline for April 30 issue).

Also, please remember that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, April 9

SPANISH JEWS

Professor Joseph Shatzmiller will speak on the Expulsion of Jews from Spain at 8 p.m., Victoria College, 73 Queen's Park Crescent, Room 213. Admission free, refreshments follow.

Friday, April 10

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist Lola Julitta Burns will perform a selection of popular, Jewish and semi-classical music, 2-3 p.m., Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

BEACH SYNAGOGUE

Join the Beach Synagogue, 109 Kenilworth Ave. for Shabbat services, 7:30 p.m., followed by speakers Rev. Bruce McLeod and Rev. Joyce Kelly. Call 694-7942 for more information.

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

Our Yiddish Heritage continues its annual tradition of happy Yiddish programs filled with nostalgia and fun, following 8:15 p.m. services, at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave. Enjoy Yiddish songs by choir, cantor, music director, special guests and audience.

Saturday, April 11

MATZAH BALLS TO MACAROONS

Temple Kol Ami invites members and non-members to its presentation, From Matzah Balls to Macaroons: Creating a Memorable Seder, 8 p.m., at Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Dr. Stay for coffee and sample some wonderful desserts. RSVP to Arlene Blöstein 665-5912, or Michael Wosnick, 889-2105.

BONDFIRE OF THE VANITIES

New Leadership Division, State of Israel Bonds is hosting more than 600 people between the ages of 25-40 at its big spring event, Bondfire of the Vanities, 8:45 p.m., Canada Trust Tower, Bay and Front. Combination dance and silent auction will feature an all-star band and about 100 auc-

tion items. \$55 tickets are available in advance by calling Marcie 789-3351. (Some \$65 tickets may be available at the door).

Sunday, April 12

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel, is sponsoring an international wheelchair basketball match between the Beit Halochem Wheelchair Basketball Team, Israel, and the Spitfires Club of Canada, 2 p.m., Varsity Arena, steps from St. George subway station. Tickets, \$18 for adults, \$10 students and \$5 children. Proceeds will fund the purchase of equipment for Beit Halochem's new Jerusalem rehabilitation centre. Call 630-4031 for information.

PRE-PESACH SEMINAR

If you find it hard to relate to the Haggadah, attend the Jewish Education Program's Super Duper Pre-Pesach seminar, 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m., 2939 Bathurst St. Fee is \$15 with some subsidies available.

HEBREW LITERARY CIRCLE

Hear Professor Joseph Shatzmiller discuss (in Hebrew) Meir Shalev's new book, *Esau*, at the Hebrew Literary Circle, 8 p.m., Albert Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst. Charge is \$7. For information call Kolya, 636-1999.

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

Toronto Jewish Film Society is screening *God, Man and Devil* a Yiddish film with English subtitles starring Michael Michalesko, 7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. For information call Barbara Lampcov, 631-5665.

THE FOUR CUPS OF WINE

Rabbi Dr. Natan Cardozo, Ohr Somayach, Jerusalem, will speak on The Four Cups of Wine, 8:30 p.m., Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. Admission free. For information call Michelle or Jill 886-5730.

HILLEL CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Come to an open house at University of Toronto, New College, 40 Willcocks St., Room 523, lower level, 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and observe or participate in a class. Hillel Children's Workshop is a non-profit, co-operative Sunday school that teaches Jewish heritage and culture in a friendly, non-judgmental way. Hebrew and bar/bat mitzvah classes available.

WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

Toronto United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) will commemorate the 49th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, 8 p.m., at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrook Ave. Participating in the memorial will be the children of Morris Winchevsky School, Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, Sol Hermolin, president, Toronto UJPO, David

Abramowitz, president, UJPO Canada and Professor Ben Z. Shek who will read excerpts from Itzak Katzenelson's *Songs of a Perished People* in Yiddish. Admission free, everyone welcome.

Monday, April 13

ISRAEL AND FOREIGN AID

Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada and Kadima committee, Temple Har Zion, is sponsoring a lecture by Israeli economic journalist Joel Bainerman who will discuss Is Israel Too Dependent on Foreign Aid? 8 p.m., Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave.

ISRAEL PHILATELY

The Canadian Association for Israel Philately will hear noted philatelist Murray Haifetz discuss the Magen David in Philately, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The association is looking for new members and guest speakers. Call Alvin Dickstein, 594-8919 days or Hartley Garshowitz, 665-3555 days, 731-9268 evenings.

Tuesday, April 14

ROADS FROM THE GHETTO

Renowned author and statesman Abba Eban traces the history of the Jews in Europe from 1789-1917 in the film *Roads from the Ghetto*, being screened 2 p.m., Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

Today's study group will focus on the Book of Samuel Part XXIV, with Dr. Aaron Nussbaum. The group meets at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb will explore the Themes of the Passover Haggadah, 9:45-11:30 a.m. at Holy Blossom Temple Tuesday Morning Study Group, 1950 Bathurst St. Contact Rhonda, 663-3812 for further details about fees and babysitting.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

LIBERAL JEWISH LEARNING

Kolel, A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, is taking last minute registrations for its spring courses. Topics include A Survey of Jewish Texts, Liberal Judaism and the Ethical Challenge, Prophecy in Ancient Israel: Amos and Jewish Prayer: The High Holidays. Classes begin the week of April 13. Call 660-3154 for information.

HANNAH SANDBERG PAINTINGS

An exhibition of paintings by Canadian artist Hannah Sandberg will run from April 16-May 24. It includes paintings of the Book of Ruth, the Book of Psalms, Exodus and Jeremiah. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception 7 p.m., Thursday, April 30. Call (416) 576-3000 for information.

MAKING IT IN THE '90s

Eighteen to 25-year-olds can learn to look at life in new and rewarding ways at Making it in the '90s, a personal growth program, 7:30-9 p.m., Monday evenings, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. For information call Merle Gottlieb 475-3667.

TREATS FOR PASSOVER

Send a kosher candy tree to your special friends and relatives. Proceeds to Jordana-Yamit chapter, Hadassah-WIZO. Cost, \$12, free delivery. Call Janet 631-0724 or Margi 731-4227.

ART THERAPY INSTITUTE

The Toronto Art Therapy Institute works with emotionally, sexually and physically abused children as well as adults with psychiatric problems. It is seeking volunteers who enjoy working in a stress-free atmosphere. Please call 924-6221 for information.

CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE

United Way of Greater Toronto is running a series of workshops in April, May and June on Multicultural/Anti-Racist Organizational Development: Catalysts for Change. It is of special interest to everyone wanting to develop a multicultural/antiracist policy within their workplace or agency. Topics include how to handle racist incidents, how to identify and address barriers of access within your organization and developing strategies of change. Fees are \$20 for two-day workshops, \$15 for one day and \$10 for a half day. Call Jenny Ratansi 777-2001, ext. 264 for more information.



JCC MEETING

At a recent annual meeting of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto, the gavel of office was passed from retiring president, Dr. Steven Silver, to incoming president, Alex Serota. Other members of the new executive include vice-presidents David Barkin, Howard Borlack and Eleanor Shuber; treasurer Sam Siegelman; secretary Dr. Barry Winter; and members-at-large Joseph Goldenberg, Ed Goldman, Cyril Houser, Heather Milstein, Stephanie Olin, Sheryl Seigel and Leslie Wolfe-Sayers.

JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering the following workshops:

Parenting the young child (under 5): Children's behavior, realistic expectations, limit setting and discipline (Begins April 29).

Caring for Aged Parents: Caring for your aging and changing parents, realistic expectations, frustrations and coping strategies (begins April 28).

Surviving Separation and Divorce: Living alone, parenting, separating from the past and moving on (begins April 28).

Single in the '90s: New relationships, projecting a positive image, family pressures, intimacy and more (begins April 15).

For information about registration and fees, call Pat Lieberman 638-7800, ext. 215.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Atideynu Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada in conjunction with North York Harvest Food Bank is running a food drive April 13-24. Please drop off non-perishable items at the main lobby of the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St.

KOFFLER GALLERY ART CLASSES

Register now for a variety of art classes including stone sculpture, life drawing, painting, pottery, raku, clay sculpture with a model and children's ceramics. For more information call Rose Brinder at 636-1880 ext. 269 or 636-2145.

LEO BAECK BUILDING FUND

Step out to the fashion event of 1992, Thursday, April 30 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Featured are fashions for men by The Coop and for women by Pat Kline and Mary Lu Toms for Finishing Touches. Afterwards, fabulous items will be sold at auction. Preview is 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and tax receipts will be issued. All proceeds to Leo Baeck Day School building fund. Call 222-9220 for more information.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH BROTHERHOOD

The annual visit of the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood to the Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood, 3600 Bathurst St. is 8:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12. Guest speaker is Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah.

IMPROVE YOUR HEBREW

Hebrew with Yael Lev is fun and easy. Daytime and evening classes are available at three levels: beginners 2, intermediate and advanced. A third term will start the week of April 27 in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. and Associated Hebrew School on Neptune Drive. For registration and information, call Yael at 225-6151.

SECOND SEDER

The Association of Jewish Seniors presents its annual second seder, Saturday, April 18 at the Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The objective is to provide a warm Pesach atmosphere and good food. Tickets at a low price will be available at the centre. For more information, call Ronnie Rusk, 635-2860.

CYCLE 92

Hebrew Athletics is pumped up for another season. Start now and get back in shape for touring with Toronto's Jewish cycle club. Call 486-3304 for information.

AIDS COMMITTEE

The AIDS committee at Holy Blossom Temple is reaching out to anyone in the Jewish com-

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munity who has a loved one who is HIV positive or has AIDS. The committee is starting a support group for lovers, friends and relatives of HIV positive people. Receive support from those who have walked in your shoes. Call in confidence, Cindy Hershon-Zackon, 789-3291.

TORONTO SUN AWARD

Beth Tzedec Congregation and Beth Tzedec Men's Club together with the Israel action committee announce a special award to the Toronto Sun, Sunday April 26. Keynote speaker will be Donald Carr. Breakfast, \$10, is at 9:30 a.m. in the main banquet hall, 1700 Bathurst St.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer drivers are needed at Baycrest Centre to pick up flowers on Wednesdays and Thursdays and deliver them to the Centre. Please call the Volunteer Department at 785-2850.

PROFESSIONALIZE YOURSELF

Spring into action at the Leah Posluns Theatre School, 4588 Bathurst St. with the next session of Professionalize Yourself, a course that uses acting techniques to improve presentation and communication skills. The eight-session course runs Mondays from 7-10 p.m. beginning April 27. Cost is \$365 plus GST. Call 636-2720 for more information.

MS CARNATION CAMPAIGN

On Mother's Day weekend, make a donation, take a carnation and help find a cure for the many Canadians afflicted with multiple sclerosis. The Canada-wide campaign is being held May 7, 8 and 9.

SPEAK HUNGARIAN?

Baycrest Centre needs people to work with Hungarian Alzheimer patients, Tuesday or Thursday mornings or afternoons. Please call the Volunteer Department at 785-2850.

at the JCC

Call the JCC Singles Hotline 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

Find out about Bloor Theatre Goers, a new group for 33-45 year olds. To get on the mailing list and for more information call Luni 924-6211.

Join the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. for the 14th annual Roslyn Cohen Memorial Community Seder, 8:15 p.m., Saturday April 18, conducted by Cantor Jack Siegel. Cost: \$35 adults, \$25 children, students and seniors. Children 6 and under free. Reservations and payment must be made by Tuesday, April 14. Call 924-6211 for information.

for seniors

LZA Senior Citizens is arranging a Third Seder, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19, featuring the JCC Choir and guest soloist. Plans are under way for a trip to the Canadian Rockies, June 14-26 and trips to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills are scheduled for July 26 (first bus) and July 28 (second bus). For details on these plus other trips, outings and regular activities, call 633-8579.

Senior Adult Services, JCC North Y branch, invites you to join an all-inclusive five-day trip to Washington and Luray Caverns, May 24-28. Registration is now being accepted for the Catskills, July 16-23. For more information on both trips and to register, contact Teme Kernerman, 636-1880 ext. 364.

Canadian Israeli Club Ahuma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call Avner Meiri, 771-0250, Oved Azuri, 631-9794 or Shirley Dunkelmann at the Wagman Centre, 78915131, ext. 2273.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is taking reservations for July 20-28 trip to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills. Three musical matinees are now being booked for Art Park as well as Shirley Valentine at the Bluma Appel Theatre (almost filled).

On Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. are the Coping With Life lectures by Harriet Sharkey, co-sponsored by North York Board of Education. For details on these and various ongoing programs call Lena, 785-5773 or Ruth, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to the Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call Dorothy Bloomfield, 787-1526.

Good Age Club is showing a video 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 9. Coffee and bagels to follow. Admission \$1. For information call Luni 924-6211.

Young at Heart Seniors is planning an August trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills including side-trips to Atlantic City and Corning Factory. Price to be announced later. For more information call Helen, 462-0258.

Lose weight and keep it off. Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. is offering a nutrition and weight reduction program run by a registered professional dietician, 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Centre. Pre-register, if possible. Call 789-5131, ext. 2267 for information.

Mixed Media Crafts with instructor Sally Blackman is being offered Mondays, 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. A small fee will be charged for materials. Other spring education courses offered in co-operation with North York Board of Education include creative writing, painting and drawing and short stories and poems reading group. Call 789-3151 for information.

A public forum on Changes in Health Policy: Implications for Seniors, 1:30-3 p.m., Wagman Centre assembly room. Everyone welcome, free of charge. Register at Wagman Centre office or by calling 789-5131, ext. 2267 no later than April 15.

A Romanian-speaking group is being held Tuesday, April 14 at the Centre. Call Mr. Baranga for information.

Enjoy classical selections with a clarinet, cello and piano trio, Tuesday, April 14 in the assembly room.

Every Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m., current events discussions led by Doug Haddow are held in Rooms A and B of the centre. Come and give us your views on world issues.

Earl Bales Seniors Club holds its next Saturday dance 7-10 p.m. in the clubhouse. Members free, non-members \$1. There will be a dance featuring a live band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, April 12 in the community centre. Members \$3, non-members \$4. A great movie will be screened, 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 15 in the clubhouse. Members free, non-members \$1. A day-trip is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. Cost is \$5 for members only. For details on upcoming trips (Catskills, etc.), regular activities and courses, call 636-7856, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Lifelong Learning Institute is featuring Strategies for Enhancing Annual Income, 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9 in the synagogue. Hear Bunny Bergstein discuss new RRIF rules, investment strategies and reverse mortgages.

Eitrog, an Israeli club for Hebrew-speaking older adults meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m. For information call Helen Issenberg, 225-2112.

About People

GOVERNMENT SEEKS LIPSITZ INPUT

Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, was among 15 provincial multicultural leaders invited by Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba, to attend a Discussion on Constitutional Renewal. The CJC official was asked to present viewpoints on the federal government's constitutional proposals and the Ontario government's proposals on a social charter to the minister, and to participate in a dialogue with other leaders on these issues.

MARNIE KIMELMAN CENTRE

Corryn Birken joined the expanding list of conscientious young men and women who have accepted the responsibility to tzedakah by sharing their blessings with needy causes. Corryn sent a cheque to the Marnie Kimelman Trauma Centre c/o Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University from the gifts she received for her recent bat mitzvah.

"This generosity is very heartening and encouraging. Our tradition and future is in good hands," said Linda Kimelman, mother of the terrorist victim.

YAACOV EREZ APPOINTMENT

Yaacov Erez, an officer for 23 years in the Israel Defence Force, has been named executive director, Ontario Men's ORT.

Erez, a graduate of Tel Aviv University and the Army Staff and Command College, has served as national executive vice-president, Canadian Technion Society and national executive director, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

In Toronto he assumes professional responsibility for the operations of Ontario Men's ORT.

Winnipeg shul renovated

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Chavurat Tefila (Fellowship of Prayer) Synagogue has just undergone the first major renovation in its 20-year history. The nearly \$20,000 renovations, which took four weeks, included the installation of a modern, more efficient heating system and air conditioning, insulation and cosmetic refinishing of the sanctuary. Where the walls used to be covered with wood panelling, they are now painted white with wood panelling on the lower portions. New gray

carpeting has been laid down on the stage and, if funding permits, new sun-sensitive lighting will be installed outside the front door.

The Chavurat Tefila is a small Orthodox shul in north Winnipeg. The building was originally a church. The congregation bought the building in the mid-1970s. The number of members has ebbed and flowed over the years with a number of younger families leaving Winnipeg (mainly for Toronto) over the past few years. The executive is optimistic, though, that the Chavurat Tefila's new look will attract more people to come and participate in the services.



USDS NAVI CEREMONY

Grade 4 students at United Synagogue Day School, Bayview Campus presented the Book of Samuel through drama, song and dance. The annual Navi Ceremony marks the addition of Nevi'im to the children's Torah study. From left, Rena Arbel, Erica Tanny and Yael Baruch.



SPEECH CONTEST

Sam Romberg (left), chairman, Youth Education, General Wingate Branch No. 256, Royal Canadian Legion presents Daniel Hershtal, Grade 8 student at Netivot HaTorah with first prize in the speech contest for the Legion's grades 7 and 8 division. Standing next to Daniel are his teachers, Maury Greenberg (left) and Florence Dimant.

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Organizations and People



NIG FILM EVENING

The New Leadership Group (NIG) of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada recently hosted an evening at The Film House, presenting the film *Europa, Europa*, based on the autobiography of Solomon Perel. Perel, who is living in Israel, survived World War II by hiding his Jewish identity by slipping into the German army and finally attending an elite school for Hitler's youth. Seen at the evening (from left) are Connie Putterman, co-chairman of the NIG of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada; Elaine Goldstein, national president; and Tammi Goldstein, chairman of the upcoming Jerusalem Day: A Celebration of Art. The NIG will be holding its next event, a celebration of Yom Yerusalayim, on June 1 at the Pantages Theatre. For tickets call 771-9051.

Lakehead's Jewish students remain united on, off campus

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

A few months ago *The C/N* ran a series on Jewish campus groups across Canada — groups which reinforce Jewish identity, foster leadership among students, address social and political issues, and sometimes just provide a home away from home. The groups featured ranged from long-established, large groups such as those at the University of Toronto and York University to smaller ones in places such as Halifax and Saskatoon.

It was brought to our attention recently that Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, has a small Jewish population which has banded together over the past two academic years.

Most of the two dozen or so Jewish students at Lakehead arrived at the university thinking there were no other Jews on campus. David Beron, the 24-year-old founder/co-ordinator of the group, told *The C/N* in a phone interview from Thunder Bay, 15 hours by car from Toronto.

What attracted Beron to the university two years ago was its engineering program. Beron, who has a diploma in Electrical Technology from Toronto's Seneca College, is working on a degree in Electrical Engineering. Lakehead offers a "summer crunch" program for students

like him to help them make the transition to the university level. There are also two Israeli students in the engineering program.

"I was looking for Jewish people to be involved with," said Beron. Thunder Bay has a small Jewish population (20 families by official count), and even boasts a synagogue, Shaarey Shomayim, although there is no rabbi. "They help us a lot," says Beron. "It's a very, very warm community." The students, in turn, have assisted the community by helping build a sukkah, among other things.

"For every festival we have something," said Beron. "We've had Pesach seders. For Chanukah we organized communal candle lighting. We made sure everyone had menorahs."

The group, known as the Jewish Students Council, tries to meet at least once a month. Last semester they put on an Israel exhibition as part of a multicultural display. Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities at Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region in Toronto, supplied tourist information, and the local synagogue provided religious articles such as tefillin and a shofar. As a result, the group signed up about half a dozen new members, none of whom knew it existed prior to seeing the exhibit.

The JSC is recognized by the university as a student club, but it receives no funding or office from the university because of its small size. There is no charge for membership, but the Jewish community has given them money, says Beron.

Lakehead's student population includes a surprising number of international students, says Beron. There has been racism on campus, although anti-Semitism "is not very prevalent." He saw swastikas "all over the campus" at the beginning of last year, which was one of the reasons the group was started, but the university dealt with the situation swiftly and effectively, he reports.

When asked how much of an issue interdating is, Beron laughs. Of all the Jewish students, he says, there are only two who are female. One is married.

"To me it's a real problem," says Beron, although he distances himself from the issue, citing a girlfriend in his native South Africa (he emigrated with his family in 1987) and a lack of time for dating. "Most people don't care," he admits. "There's no one else to go out with."

Although the group deals with issues that come up (monitoring speakers who may be anti-Israel, for example), their main purpose is "just to bring Jewish students together, to give them a place to go, a place to talk."



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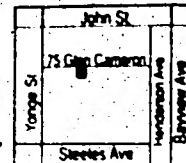
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Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, North/East Valley Branch Singles Connection is holding its **Annual Passover-Seder**. Friday, April 17th, 1992. 8:15pm. 7015 Leslie Street, Thornhill. Cost \$32.00 per adult, \$22.00 per child. Payment must be made by Wednesday, April 15th. Call Nurit 889-0813 to reserve.

Singles (35-55) for dinner, theatre and brunches. Call Linda after 6:30pm, 787-1529.

Metro Toronto Singles presents our 6th annual Cleveland House Resort weekend getaway. May 15-18 (Victoria Day long weekend). Meet singles from across North America; that includes: 3 nights deluxe accommodation, gourmet meals, nightly live entertainment, athletics, socials, seminars, relaxation, featuring Israel Cancer Research fundraiser. Call 222-7111 for information, and escape from the city! Discount price if booked before April 20th.

Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents Elections, General Meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:30pm: 15 Hove Street. Speaker: Robyn Cohen from the Elmridge Home. Admission is Free. Contact Rob Shapiro, 882-5404.

House Party/Dance, Dairy Buffet. Sunday, April 12. Cost \$12.00. 771-8448 Sonia. P.S. We are taking reservations for the second Seder, Saturday April 18. Cost \$25.00. Limited space, call early. 771-8448.

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Blood transfusion program improves newborns' chances

TORONTO —

Like most new mothers, Lisa Orford thinks baby Mitchell is a miracle. But the new lifesaving transfusion procedure he received in utero has made him even more precious.

A Mount Sinai Hospital team gave Mitchell three transfusions through his umbilical cord before birth to fight severe anemia caused by Rh incompatibility with his mother. This marked Ontario's first intravascular (into the vein) intrauterine blood transfusion program and one of very few in Canada. Dr. Robert Morrow, perinatologist, who led the team, calls the procedure a "major advance" in treating Rh incompatibility. The transfusions were necessary after blood testing showed the infant's hemoglobin was 20 percent of what it should have been.

Mitchell has Rh-positive blood; his mother's is Rh-negative. Rh stands for Rhesus factor, a marker found on red blood cells in Rh-positive people which is missing from those with Rh-negative blood. When the baby is Rh-positive, their red blood cells may cause the Rh-negative mother's immune system to produce antibodies.

The problem is seldom present in a first pregnancy, but if that first baby is born Rh-positive, the mother's system may become sensitive to the Rh factor. During the next pregnancy, if the unborn child is also Rh-positive, the mother produces large amounts of antibodies, which cross the placenta and destroy the baby's red blood cells.

Many babies died because of Rh incompatibility until the late 1940s, when it was discovered that transfusions performed immediately upon birth were lifesaving. Since the

1970s, Rh-negative mothers have been injected with an anti-Rh globulin (type of protein) at 28 weeks gestation. "However, a significant number of Rh incompatibility cases still occur," Dr. Morrow says. "An Rh-negative woman may become sensitized to the Rh factor through an unrecognized miscarriage or because of other unusual factors. If she develops antibodies as a result, the anti-Rh globulin injection is not helpful."

Needle placed in vein

Orford became sensitized when she was pregnant with her daughter. Her blood was tested for antibodies every three weeks during her pregnancy with Mitchell. "We knew fairly early there could be a problem," says Orford. She travelled from her home on Manitoulin Island to Toronto for the monitoring.

Using ultrasound, a needle is placed into one of the umbilical cord's tiny veins. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact location in order to avoid tearing the vein, resulting in bleeding. (The umbilical cord at 24 weeks is only 3 to 4 millimetres in size.)

Blood is drawn off from the vein into a syringe. A medical technologist immediately tests the blood to determine if it is from the fetus (not the mother)

and to measure the hemoglobin level. Hemoglobin in the red blood cells contains iron and carries oxygen to tissues and organs. If the hemoglobin is low, the baby is anemic. The lower the hemoglobin gets, the harder the baby's heart has to work to get vital oxygen throughout the body. In very severe cases, death can result.

If transfusion is needed, the same needle is used. Another syringe, containing the transfusion blood (which must be compatible with the mother's blood and lack the characteristic that produces antibodies harmful to the fetus) is attached to the needle. The transfusion reverses the anemia and allows the pregnancy to continue until the baby is mature enough to be born.

The procedure is a real effort. One nurse is scrubbed and relays instruments, syringes and specimens. The doctor leading the team performs the ultrasound and places the needle; an unscrubbed nurse assists with the ultrasound. The technologist tests the baby's blood and prepares the blood transfusion. Another doctor takes the blood specimen and performs the transfusion, while a nurse keeps the sedated mom awake and calm.

After birth, the infant begins producing his or her red blood cells. However, during the first three months, the baby's blood still contains the mother's antibodies that attack his blood cells. Extra transfusions help maintain the baby's hemoglobin.

Mitchell was born healthy five weeks prematurely, weighing 5 lb. 10 oz. He received three additional transfusions after birth but quickly doubled his birth weight and is thriving. For parents Lisa and Ron, this transfusion procedure convinced them that miracles do happen.



Sophie Chafetz (left) shares her happiness about her baby with a neonatology nurse at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Infertility clinic successful

JERUSALEM —

After four months of operation, the combined clinic which Shaare Zedek Medical Centre operates in conjunction with Kupat Holim Clalit (the General Sick Fund) to help couples with infertility problems, is proving to be very successful from many aspects.

Open to patients from 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., the clinic is staffed at both locations (the hospital and the Masoz clinic in Jerusalem's city centre) by a team of Shaare Zedek gynecologists plus nurses from both the hospital and Kupat Holim. As infertility treat-

ments are usually protracted and many women are working, the longer hours have the advantage of allowing them to take tests outside normal working hours, thus keeping all treatments confidential.

The system allows the patient the convenience of one location, instead of the patient having to run from clinic, tests in one place, results to be collected in another and then taken back to the doctor, etc.

The Masoz clinic is connected by computer to Shaare Zedek and the main lab of Kupat Holim, so all test results are available to the doctors

who may be working in either place. An open phone permits discussion of individual cases, allowing treatment decisions each day based on the computerized data. If an infertile couple has not had success with other methods of treatment and in vitro fertilization is decided upon, this can be carried out without repetitious diagnosis, additional expenses and emotional trauma.

Figures from the past year indicate that of 250 couples registered at Shaare Zedek, 150 were in treatment, there were 14 births resulting in 19 babies, and 10 current pregnancies.

Christie to defend alleged KKK members

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Doug Christie, the Victoria-based lawyer for Jim Keegstra and Ernst Zundel, is coming to Winnipeg to defend alleged Manitoba Ku Klux Klan members Bill Hareus and Theron Skryba. Hareus is the self-proclaimed head of the Klan in the province.

On March 24, the two men pleaded not guilty to charges of promoting hatred against Blacks and Jews, criminal hatred, mischief, advocating genocide, firearms charges and a

charge under the Manitoba Telephone System Act. The latter related to disruption of an anti-homophobic hotline set up by gay activists in December.

The charges were laid after a 13-month undercover investigation by police. Literature as well as weapons were seized in December.

A preliminary hearing on the charge of advocating genocide is scheduled for October. The other charges will be heard in provincial court in June. A third man has pleaded not guilty to a charge of mischief.



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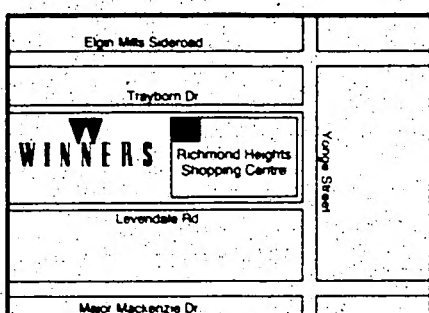
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Organizations and People



Harry Pollock poses under the watercolor painted by Toronto artist John Joy depicting him as Leopold Bloom.

Joyce scholar donates papers

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Former ad man Harry Pollock isn't your average erudite scholar. An early interest in James Joyce ("When I was 11 or 12 I heard there were erotic passages in *Ulysses*") developed into a passion for Joyce's work that led Pollock to become a leading James Joyce scholar.

Along the way Pollock, a graduate of Harbord Collegiate who is in large part self-taught, amassed a substantial collection of Joyce-related papers and memorabilia. He recently donated them to York University, where he has taught for the past 22 years, after leaving the advertising business. The donation coincided with the 110th anniversary of the Irish author's birth. Joyce died in 1941.

The collection, which was appraised at \$12,500, includes documents of the Canadian James Joyce Society, founded by Pollock in 1964. It takes up more than 6 m. (20 feet) of shelf space. "It was a bibliographer's dream," said York English and Humanities bibliographer Tiit Kodar in a news release put

out by York University. "It sure as hell was, agrees Pollock of the meticulously organized collection.

Among the items are taped interviews and correspondence of Joyce's friends and family, gathered when he worked as a freelance journalist, and drafts, research notes and galleys of Pollock's own novels and plays, which were often adaptations of Joyce's works.

Theatre experience included acting

Pollock's theatre experience includes acting and directing as well as writing. He directed *Night Boat from Dublin*, which he based on Joyce's writings, in 1969 at Dublin's pres-

tigious Abbey Theatre.

His involvement has extended beyond behind-the-scenes work to acting in some of the plays. A watercolor of Pollock as Leopold Bloom in *Ulysses in Nighttown*, which played at the Poor Alex in 1966, is a prized possession, hanging along with some of Pollock's own endeavors in the living room of the small suburban house he shares with Vera, his wife of 47 years, and Georges, a 65-lb. husky/collie.

Pondering a question about why James Joyce has continued to hold fascination for him, Pollock concludes, "In Joyce's writing I found the whole world spread before me. I became interested in Ireland, in Judaism (Joyce was not Jewish but some of his characters were). [Joyce's work] opened language. See how he put words together. Look for clichés. Look for redundancies. You won't find them. Every word counts."

Was it traumatic for Pollock to give away his cherished collection? "Yeah, at the beginning. You want to know if the baby you gave out for adoption is in good hands." Pollock is "honored to have York University accept these for their archives."

Society, situations rule actions: professor

By
IDELE ROSS

ST. CATHARINES —

To understand why good people do evil, you have to look at the society; to make the incomprehensible comprehensible, you have to grasp the power of a situation, says Professor Stanley Sadava of Brock University's Psychology Department.

Sadava, speaking to the B'nai Israel breakfast club, tried to put some of the atrocities of the 20th century into a social-psychological context. "For example, following his capture Adolph Eichman was tested and found to be 'normal'. He had a wife and children. He played bridge. But at the same time he was a hustling bureaucrat during the Third Reich — an ordinary man in a horrible situation."

Sadava said that researchers found "doubling" among physicians and professors of medicine who co-operated with the Nazis, performing experiments on concentration camp inmates.

"On the one hand, they regarded themselves as healers but they also found it rewarding to buy into the Nazi ideology," Sadava explained. "Ordinary people in 1940 Germany became monsters because of the power of the situation. And these kind of behaviors are reinforced by now famous psychology experiments, especially those by Dr. Stanley Milgrim involving the use of electric shock as a means of modifying behavior."

He is concerned about what he calls growing cynicism among Canadians. "As a social psychologist, I am frightened by this apathy, especially regarding politics," he said.

Jack Cowan founded the Jewish Outlook

TORONTO —

Jack Cowan, a longtime member of the Canadian socialist movement and one of the founders of the monthly *Canadian Jewish Outlook*, died recently at age 91.

Cowan will be remembered as a "progressive socialist" who "felt deeply for the suffering of fellow human beings," said Lee Schechter, executive co-ordinator of the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO).

A former national president of the UJPO, Cowan was also a driving force behind creation of the Morris Winchevsky School and ensured that its cornerstone would be dedicated to the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust, Schechter said.

UJPO president David Abramowitz recalled Cowan as "an optimist who believed we can make the world a better place and he worked hard for that."

The third of nine children, Cowan's family moved to Toronto from London, England when he was 5 years old. A resident of the Junction area in the city's West End, he attended Humber College and studied architecture at night at Central Tech.

In the mid-1980s he was still involved as an industrial real estate manager and he continued to work at *Outlook* until his death.

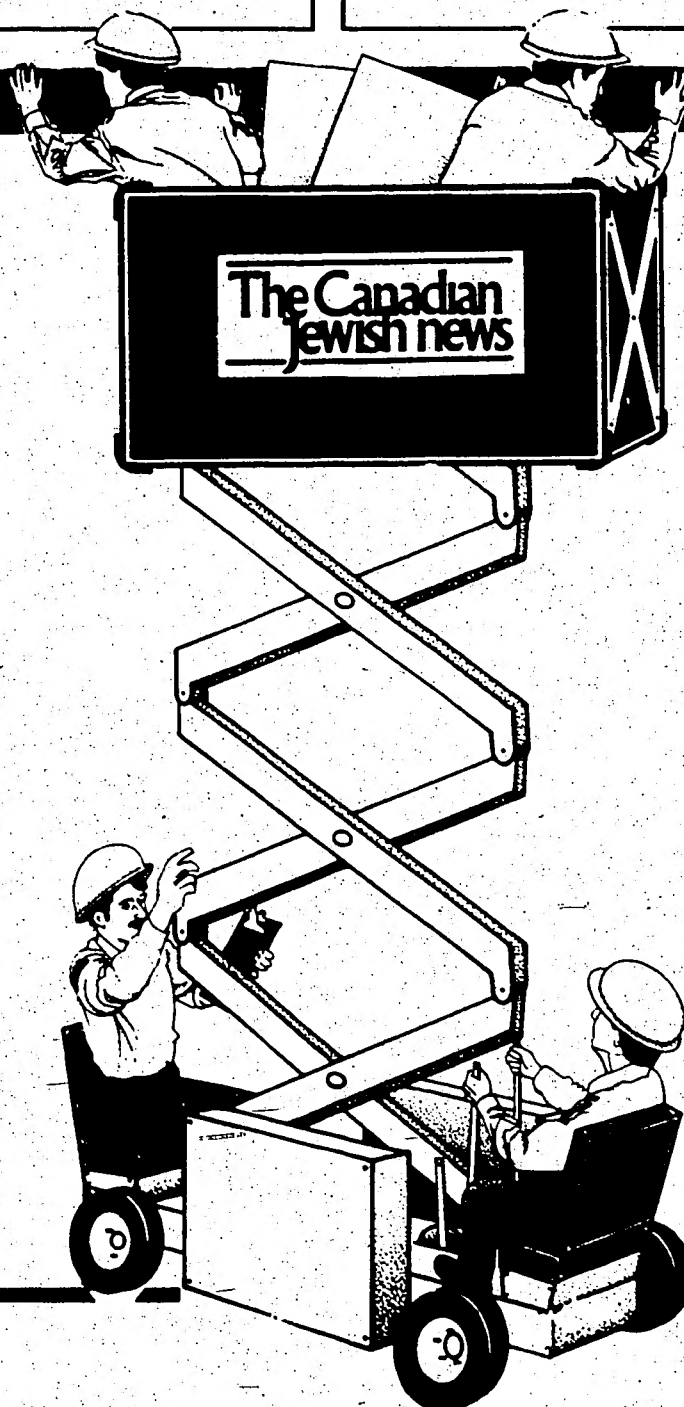
Cowan was predeceased by his wife Anne and his son Bernard, the latter known as the announcer's voice on *Front Page Challenge*.

He is survived by six brothers and sisters as well as daughter-in-law Esther, grandchildren Rob, Elizabeth, Sandi, Ellie and Willo and great-grandchildren Jarret, Carly, Jesse and Michael.

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Organizations and People

Health clinic tests 'tickers'

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Years ago, when television ads warned that 30-year-old Canadians were in no better shape than 60-year-old Swedes, it hurt.

It may also have jogged complacent Canadians into a more active lifestyle. Since then, thousands of people have taken up jogging, pumping iron, aerobics, cycling and other activities. Health clubs and exercise gyms have proliferated; foods in supermarkets are advertised for their low fat and cholesterol contents; smoking in public has become the socially incorrect thing to do.

Yet despite public awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, heart disease continues to be the leading cause of death in North America.

Aiming to give their patients a leg up in the struggle for health and well-being, the David Durbin Cardiac Assessment Clinic at the North Y branch of the Jewish Community Centre offers a specialized medical service to test participants' tickers.

The test administered at the clinic is one of the most effective ones in determining whether a patient's heart may pose a danger in the future, said Dr. Charles Lefkowitz, one of two cardiologists who supervise the clinic.

"We're looking for evidence of

ischemic heart disease, the narrowing of the coronary arteries sufficient to compromise blood flow to the heart," Lefkowitz said.

Aided by exercise physiologist Menashe Yarkony and cardiologist Dr. Zion Sasson, and equipped with a battery of high tech gizmos, Lefkowitz puts the patient through his paces at the clinic, located opposite the men's health club.

In the interests of accurate reporting, this aerobically-inclined writer donned his shorts and bared his chest before getting hooked up to the clinic's heart detection equipment.

But even before Yarkony hit the treadmill's "on" switch, a medical assessment form had to be completed. It recorded my cardiac history, including questions on cholesterol levels, smoking habits and family medical history.

After Lefkowitz listened to my heart and Yarkony took my blood pressure, I was hooked up to a 10-lead electrocardiograph. With cables emanating from my chest, legs and arms, a transmitter around my waist as well as a blood pressure cuff wrapped around one bicep, someone entering the clinic might have mistaken me for a half-man, half-machine character from *Star Trek*.

Thus wired and having signed a consent form permitting the test, it was on to the treadmill and a 14-minute aerobic workout (the

length of time varies for each patient).

The computer-run program is called the Bruce Protocol, Lefkowitz said, and is conducted in stages, with the speed of the treadmill and the difficulty increasing every three minutes. All the while your heartbeat is being recorded, as is your blood pressure.

Lefkowitz said the test result is one of the most commonly-used indicators of cardiac problems and is about 80 percent sensitive — in other words, for people with known coronary disease, only 20 percent will show no problem during the test.

He said that people contemplating a test shouldn't worry about being overtaxed. As a trained cardiologist, and with a drug kit and electric stimulators nearby, the clinic is one of the best places for determining the heart's ability to handle stress.

So far, most of those taking the test have been people who are in high-risk categories who are interested in becoming more physically active. Others are post-menopausal women and young people who've experienced chest pain or have a family history of heart problems.

Lefkowitz stressed that the clinic is providing a Medicare-supported health service. It is not offering a fitness test. (Yarkony said the clinic may soon offer the latter as well.)

The clinic is open part of the day on Tuesdays and Sundays. For more information, call 636-1880.

Social charter receives support

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Five experts were called together last week to debate Canada's social charter and discuss whether that charter should be entrenched in the Constitution.

Speaking at the George Ignatieff Theatre at the University of Toronto, moderator Rev. Clarke MacDonald said that the theme is popular because the topic is relevant to everyone.

Peter Lauwers, who is the constitutional advisor to the Ontario Conference of Bishops said that a social charter would benefit the country in several ways.

He said it would be good for national unity, would benefit the market and would reflect the demands for social justice in the country.

Lauwers pointed out that social rights, such as mobility, are already entrenched in the Constitution.

Lauwers concluded by adding that he is in favor of a charter that is enforced through the government and not by the judicial system.

Mumtaz Ali, president of the Canadian Society of Muslims, said that there is a need for change and the beauty of the democratic system is that there is always room to accommodate those changes.

Essentially, Ali said his group believes that an entrenched social charter is necessary.

He stressed that the implementation of the charter is also important. He suggested that the charter should be written into the Constitution by regional social rights forums that will be manned by people from all walks of life.

Another basic feature in his proposal was that the interpretation and enforcement of the charter should be carried out by the Senate. Ali added that by following this formula, the charter would be more grassroots, less formal and intimidating and less expensive.

Great deal
of work remains

Nancy Pocock, who works on the Quaker Committee for Refugees, said that Canadians should be addressing the question of how far down the social ladder the charter of rights applies in this country.

Pocock said that through the refugee work she has done, she knows that social rights are not equally distributed.

Social rights should be entrenched in the Constitution and enforced, she said, adding that these kinds of issues should not be left to people's sense of caring.

Neil Finkelstein, advisor to Clyde Wells on Meech Lake issues and advisor on constitutional affairs to the Canadian Jewish Congress, agreed with Pocock that in the area of refugees there is a great deal of work to be done.

In his address, Finkelstein said that the charter should be entrenched but his major point concerned who should enforce the legislation.

Finkelstein said that moving the process to a judicial or citizen forum would be anti-democratic because, in his opinion, neither group has the experience or information to make the best decision.

If the courts made an unpopular decision, the general population could not change the decision by voting them out of office since the court is an appointed body.

However if the enforcement were left in the hands of the elected government it could be voted out of office for making an unpopular decision.

Alan Borovoy, general counsel to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, agreed that the courts should not have the final decision.

Borovoy said that if the courts made a mistake, the Constitution would have to be amended and he added that this is a deliberately difficult process.

He pointed out the problem of the individual's right versus those of society. Borovoy questioned the audience on how far society can go in encroaching on the people the welfare state is trying to help — for example, how far can society intrude in the personal life of someone who is applying for social assistance?

While there has to be a criterion of eligibility, there also have to be limits that are set to protect the rights of the individual.

He concluded his speech by saying that there must be a balance between the rights of the individual and that of the state. This, he said, will be an interesting challenge.

The panel discussion was sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

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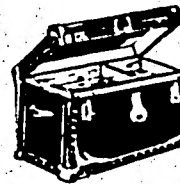
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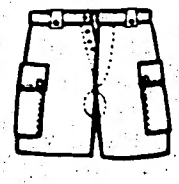
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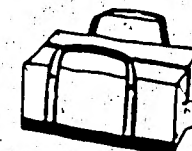
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Arts

Woody gets stuck in the fog

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSNER

Once again, Woody Allen plays his favorite character, the jittery schlemiel. In *Shadows and Fog*, the 21st film he's written and directed, Allen is Max Kleinman, a timid European Jew who addresses his boss as "your majesty."

Vigilantes in long overcoats and fedoras roust him out of bed one night, insisting that he join them in the manhunt for a deranged serial killer who's partial to piano wire. Eventually, Kleinman encounters the murderer; he also meets a group of eccentric circus performers as well as knowing prostitutes in a bordello.

Don't ask why the incompetent Kleinman is recruited as a vigilante. Nor should you wonder why the vigilantes refuse to divulge their plan to the befuddled Kleinman. Take it

at face value.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Shadows and Fog* is a comedy with dark undertones and with allusive references to anti-Semitism. It is set in the 1920s, in an unnamed Central European city in which Franz Kafka probably would have felt at home.

It is shot in stark black-and-white (Allen's first such picture since *Zelig*.) The musical score is drawn from Kurt Weill's *Threepenny Opera*.

Kleinman, the quintessential nebbish, is not identified directly as a Jew, but could he be anything else but Jewish?

Viewers will have no trouble picking up the allusions to his Jewishness. "My people pray in a different language," he says at one point. And, of course, Kleinman is Yiddish for "small man."

The indirect reference to anti-Semitism surfaces when a connection is made between the serial killer, a Jewish family known for "quality circumcisions," and well poisoning.

Shadows and Fog employs an all-star cast whose actors are content with cameo roles. That speaks volumes about Allen's stature as a director.

There is sharp dialogue here and there. At the bordello, Kleinman says he has never paid for sex before. "You just think you haven't," counters Foster. A vigilante questions Kleinman: "Are you a coward or a worm or a yellow-belly?" Not missing a beat, Kleinman replies, "No, but keep going, you're in the right column."

Regrettably, these and other sardonic exchanges can't quite save *Shadows and Fog* — which is probably Allen's weakest film since *September* (1987).

It supposedly deals with such grand themes as life, death and sex. But they're lost in the shuffle and, worse still, the film is usually only faintly amusing, and ends most abruptly.

A comedy by Woody Allen that is short on laughs is by definition an oxymoron.

Dutch Haggadah in Sotheby's auction

TEL AVIV —

A richly illuminated 18th century Dutch Passover Haggadah (Haggadah shel Pessach), on vellum, is one of the finest manuscripts in the sale of Judaica Hebrew Books, Manuscripts and Work of Art to be held by Sotheby's on Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

This Haggadah, the book used for the first and second night of the Passover service, is unsigned although dated 1737, and was made for a prominent Jew in the Ashkenazi community of Amsterdam (it is now being sold by a direct descendant of the original owner).

The beautifully executed miniatures on its pages depict Moses, Aaron, Pharaoh and the Egyptians, scenes from the original Passover story, as well as miniatures of Abraham and King David with his harp, including the only known musical notations to appear in a Hebrew manuscript, and contemporary observations such as Dutch interiors and the life of the Jewish communities of the time.

In the early 18th century there was a revival of the art of the illustrated manuscript, and Haggadahs from this period are extremely rare. This fine example, still in excellent condition, is estimated to fetch \$80,000-\$100,000.

Among over 200 Hebrew books are three rare incunables (the earliest printed books, produced soon after the invention of printing and before 1500), all three printed in Naples in the years 1486 and 1487, namely a Book of Job, with Commentary by Levi Ben Gershon (Rabbi — Gersonides), a rare second edition (estimate \$25-\$30,000); a book of Proverbs (Mishlei), with commentary of Immanuel Ben Yakov Ben Shlomo of Rome, one of the foremost Hebrew poet of Italy and first recorded translator into Hebrew of Dante, who was reputedly his friend (estimate \$25-\$30,000); and the Five Scrolls (Chamish Megillot) — Song of Songs, Ruth, Ecclesiastes, Esther and Lamentations — with Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah and part of Chronicles, with Commentary of Rashi and Joseph Kara, a rare first edition of the Hagiographa, as this section of the Hebrew Bible is known (estimate \$20-\$60,000).



A page from an 18th century Dutch Haggadah on vellum. It is among the many items for sale at Sotheby's auction.

A rare copy of the Haftorot (portions from the Prophets and the Five Scrolls), with the Commentary of Abraham Ibn Ezra, printed on vellum in Constantin in 1505, is estimated to fetch \$40-\$50,000, and a rare first edition of the Rabbinic Code (Shulchan Aruch) of Joseph Caro, printed in Venice in 1565, is estimated at \$10-\$12,000.

A striking portrait of a Rabbi by Isidor Kaufmann (Hungarian-Australian 1853-1921), one of the most prominent Jewish painters of the 19th century, is estimated at \$30-\$40,000.

Other significant paintings are two oils by Reuven Rubin (Romanian-Israeli 1893-1975), namely his *The Water Carrier*, painted in Jerusalem in the early 1920s (estimate \$30-\$40,000), and *Ancient Olive Trees* dated 1952 (estimate \$30-\$40,000), and also by the artist, a gilt-tip sketch of a prophet outside the walls of Jerusalem dated 1970.

Among the works of art is a wide variety of antique silver and other ritual objects originating from Jewish communities in Western and Eastern Europe, as well as the Middle East and North Africa.

For example there are a number of fine Chanukah lamps, Sabbath candlesticks and spice towers.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Reversible Coat by Shel Krakofsky (Moonstone Press) \$9.95 (paper)
The He & She Of It by Harry Pollock (Whitney Publications)

Born and reared in Toronto, a one-time *Globe & Mail* foreign correspondent, Shel Krakofsky now serves as a family doctor in London, Ontario. His poetry and short stories have won awards and considerable admiration. Recently, he embarked on an ambitious project to publish a Jewish literary magazine called *Parchment*. It seeks subscribers and support.

Krakofsky has written that, "Poetry is the most elegant distance between two lines." And indeed, his best poems — pithy, thoughtful, deft and heartfelt — touch both heart and mind.

The poems concerned with Judaism emphasize the ineradicable bonds of ritual, family ties and the land of Israel. His love of Canada fuses with a rich and caring Jewish sensibility. The singular poems that result resonate in memory.

The poet playfully asserts, "when Jews/ become/ jews for jesus/ the collective I.Q./ of both groups/ goes up." Equally delightful is the poem entitled *A Potential Minyan*: the gabbai/ in a religious panic/ ran into the nearby/ psychiatrist's/ waiting room/ and looking/ for a tenth/ sized up/ the patient/ and asked/ Are you Jewish?/ 'I'm depressed'/ Your mother?/ 'Neurotic'/ You'll do/ Come Shnell."

Searching with his children for leaven on the night before Pesach he is unsuccessful but exultant: "feather in hand/ I

search for these remnants/ by candlelight./ The children's illuminated/ faces laugh/ You're getting warmer/ as, now with shoes/ I trudge/ the narrow, crooked and dark/ cobblestoned streets off/ our house/ unable to find the/ last piece of bread."

In *Revelation* the poet confesses, "the only thing/ divine about poets/ is that like God/ whenever we reveal anything/ we find new ways of hiding/ ourselves." Yet, he has revealed much about himself — his feelings, yearnings and concerns — and the reader is immeasurably enriched.

Harry Pollack, president of the James Joyce Society of Canada, teaches creative writing at York University. Some years ago his novel, *Gabriel* was hailed as a literary tour de force.

The poems in *The He And The She Of It* cover a variety of themes, but most are about sexual love and the inexorability of death. In *De Mortuis* he writes of a wealthy Jew: "Until the end he believed in the efficacy of prayer/ and the healing power of the mezuzahs/ fastened to the doorposts of the many chambered house/ but the crab nibbled deep within his bowels and now/ he dwells in the House of the Lord forever."

Visitors' Day at Auschwitz is a searing experience. "From the gas chamber/ the souls of the exterminated/still shrieked:/ Do not forget our agony/ Outside the hut that stored/ the mounds of children's shoes/ we stopped/ and wept."

To his loved one who assures him that he will find another, he laments, "I want no other love/ The solace that you shed/ is not for me my dear/ Tomorrow I'll be dead."

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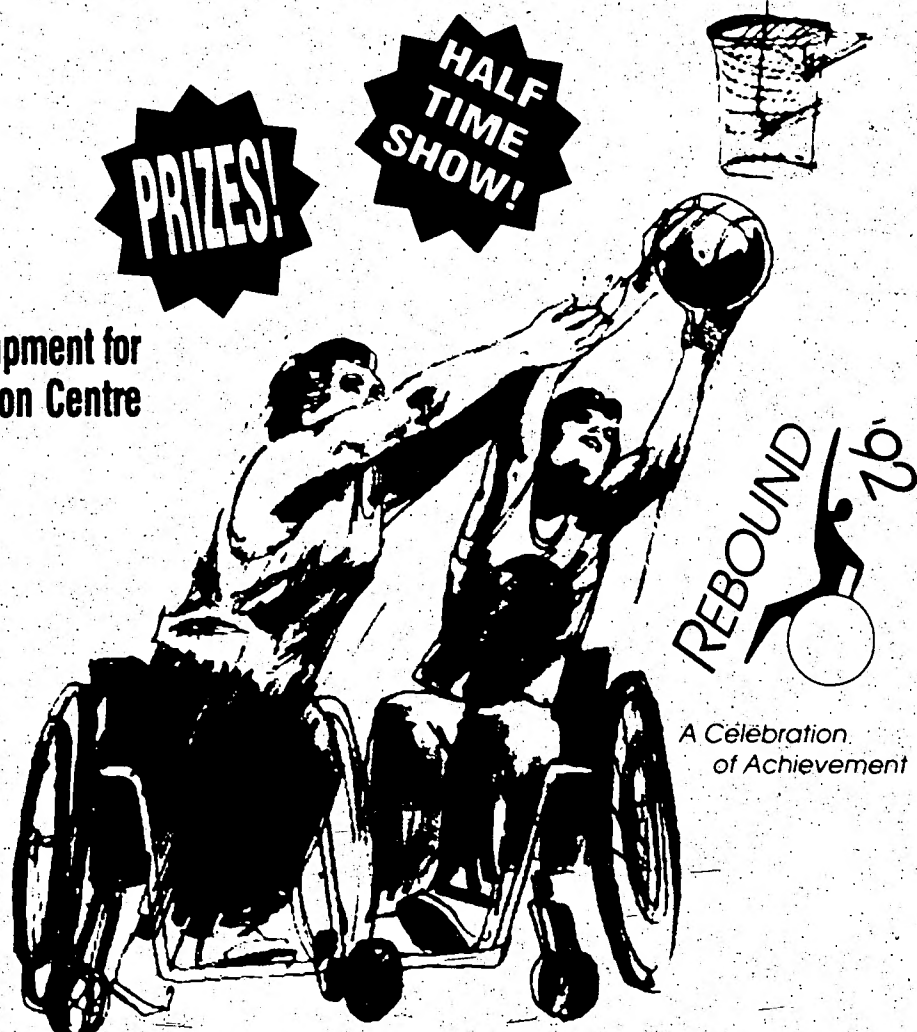
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Eye on Arts

A new play, set in 17th century London, takes as its subject the first professional woman playwright in the English theatre. Beth Herst's *A Woman's Comedy*, about Aphra Behn, premiered at the Tarragon Theatre on April 7 in the Mainspace and runs to May 3.

Herst, a graduate of United Synagogue Day School, Forest Hill Collegiate and the University of Toronto, is now the playwright-in-residence at Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Ave.

Herst's play explores both the glitter and the darkness of Behn's world. It was originally written in the playwright's unit and was further developed, in April/May 1991, in the public workshop project.

For further information and reservations, call 531-1827.

The National Storytelling Theatre presents a Jewish Storytelling Arts Production of *Fried Onions and Garlic* on April 10 at 8:15 p.m. at the Annex Theatre, 730 Bathurst St., one block south of Bloor.

Fried Onions and Garlic, starring Leslie Robbins, revolves around Jewish stories and songs about food. The stories are drawn from the writings of Sholom Aleichem and Isaac Bashevis Singer and also include one folktale. Robbins has interwoven her own musings on the important place of food in Jewish life with humorous stories and songs.

Robbins is a leading Jewish storyteller in the Toronto region. She has starred in *Sammy Taft: World Famous Hatter*, *The Golem of Toronto* and *Ghost Stories*.

For tickets call 760-5557.



Leslie Robbins

Gallery 76 is presenting the recent works of Ontario College of Art students Gail Schwartz, Eunju Lee and Maureen Raika.

All of the works in the exhibition examine cultural history from different perspectives. The mixed media life-sized works of Schwartz are an exploration of her Jewish heritage. Works such as *Aishes Chayil* and *Zachor* develop from symbols of Jewish history. Schwartz says that "although these works are focused on Jewish culture and history, they have a broader implication for universal human values and reflect the great human aspiration of culture and survival." Her latest work focuses on the Ethiopian Jews rescued by Israel.

For further information, contact Christine Swiderski or Robert Windrum at 977-8530.

Israeli-Canadian contemporary artist and Ben-Gurion University graduate, Dorrit Yacoby, will be the guest speaker at the fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, Toronto chapter, on April 27 at 7:45 p.m. at the Arnold Gottlieb Gallery, 80 Spadina Ave.

Yacoby will discuss the themes, media, environmental, social and historic forces which result in her unique mode of expression.

Yacoby's latest collection titled *War Signals* will be on display at the gallery from April 23 to May 17.

She created *War Signals* during the Persian Gulf War when her son was a conscript. Each piece is an emotional portrait — included in one canvas are her son's bootlaces — showing an Israeli women's attempts to cope with anxiety and outright fear during wartime.

The brief business portion of the evening will include a review of activities of the Toronto chapter this past year. An election of the new board of directors and officers for 1992-93 will also take place. A reception will follow.

For further information, call Claire Horowitz at 665-8054.

The 40th annual Aviva Art Show and Auction of Contemporary Art will be held on May 3 at the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W.

The gala reception will be held at 7 p.m., followed by an auction at 8 p.m. The show preview will be held in the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery in the Columbus Centre from April 27 to May 1.

The goals of this event are to provide a showcase for Canadian artists and to support Hadassah-WIZO services in their humanitarian work with children in Israel.

For further information and tickets call 449-4793 or 485-9911.

Harbourfront's 10th annual season of dance was recently unveiled. It is scheduled to begin on Oct. 6 and run for seven months, through to May 1, 1993.

The season showcases the talents of some of Toronto's finest contemporary dance companies including Danny Grossman Dance Company, Dancemakers, Desrosiers Dance Theatre, Toronto Dance Theatre and Denise Fujiwara.

The Danny Grossman Dance Company, scheduled to perform Dec. 1-5, has won acclaim from audiences and critics around the world. The Toronto-based company has performed in 17 countries.

For its 1992-93 engagement, the company will present a selection of works from the company's repertoire, along with a world premiere.

Dancemakers, scheduled to perform Jan. 26-30, will present new works by its artistic director Serge Bennathan. Dancemakers performed to great acclaim in 1991 at Festival international de danse in Cannes, France and at Montreal's prestigious Festival international de nouvelle danse, where the company has once again been invited to appear this October.

Poignant tale of child evacuees

Television

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In September 1939, shortly after Britain declared war on Nazi Germany, numerous children were evacuated from industrial cities to safer coastal towns.

Who were these children? What was it like to be wrenched from the warmth of a family?

Their experiences are related in *The Evacuees*, to be broadcast on Vision TV on Thursday, April 23 at 8 p.m.

The protagonists are Neville Miller and his younger brother, Danny. The sons of an Orthodox Jewish family from Manchester, the Millers are billeted with a childless Christian couple in the seaside resort of St. Annes.

The Evacuees successfully distills the essence of the times — the blackouts, the air raids which wreck neighborhoods and kill civilians, the nights spent in bomb shelters, the treasonous broadcasts of Lord Haw Haw, the solemn voice of Winston Churchill denouncing the Nazis' "long night of barbarism."

But above all, Alan Parker's modest but interesting film turns on Neville (Steven

Serember), Danny (Gary Carp), their mother Sarah (Maureen Lipman), their solicitous Yiddish-speaking grandmother, and the Grahams, the family which puts up the brothers during the emergency.

The Grahams, while civil, are tight-lipped, disciplinary and insensitive to their kosher dietary needs. In short order, the boys learn that there is nothing like home, all the more so on the first night when they discover that supper consists of pork sausage.

As if to exorcise the meal, Neville and Danny cover their heads with their hands and recite a Hebrew prayer, and then practically gag as they sample the forbidden meat.

Mrs. Graham (Margery Mason) and her stolid husband don't seem to understand why the boys are so uncomfortable. Hasn't anyone told them?

The Evacuees is divided into time blocks — September 1939, when they're packed off to St. Annes; January 1940, when they realize that they don't like the Grahams; May 1940, when they try to escape; December 1940, when they celebrate Chanukah with their parents.

The Evacuees was written by Jack Rosenthal, who was an evacuee himself. It's obvious that it's not just a work of imagination, but an act of empathy.



Gary Carp as Danny Miller, a Jewish boy in wartime Britain.

Gershwin play becomes even better

By
GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

Crazy For You is a lavishly reconstructed version of a light-hearted 1930 musical, *Girl Crazy*, written by the ultimate Jewish composer-lyricist team of George and Ira Gershwin.

Mounted at a cost of \$7.5 million it will have to play to packed houses for 64 weeks to break even, but that's a cinch. I wouldn't be surprised if it runs blissfully into the 21st century. The biggest attributes of the show are its high energy and dazzling style. It could hardly be otherwise, with a magnificent score that includes five songs from the original show and 13 culled from other Gershwin sources.

Younger theatregoers who have been conditioned to musicals with "one song scores," humorless content, gimmick spectacles, and an absence of intoxicating romance may be confused by all the inspirational content cavorting on stage at the Shubert Theatre. It is so nimble purveyed through exciting song and dazzling dance, brilliantly devised by choreographer Suzan Stroman. The paper-thin story line has been changed for the better.

Instead of an indolent son sent by his wealthy father to Arizona to mend his ways, we have a well-heeled, stage-struck New York playboy sent to foreclose on a musical theatre in Deadwood, Nevada. He proceeds to fall head over heels (choreographer interpreted) for a beautiful and perky lady (Jodi Benson), and promises to help save a debt-ridden old music hall run by her, by calling on a host of talented New York pals to put on a show that'll pay off the mortgage.

The show has captivating performances by song and dance man Harry Groener and Benson, both big talents who give the story its youthful freshness. Ditto the rest

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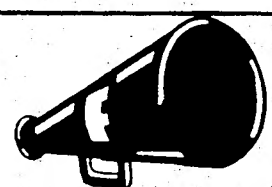
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Roman ruins found at Beit She'an dig

JERUSALEM —

Greek inscriptions, sections of magnificent buildings and elegant streets, and other significant historical/artistic remains were uncovered in the recently completed eighth season of archaeological excavations at Beit She'an carried out under the auspices of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Institute of Archaeology.

Hebrew University archaeology professors Yoram Tsafrir and Gideon Foerster, project directors, noted that the season saw great progress both in further revelation of the site and in preparations of sections of it for restoration.

Beit She'an, also known in ancient times as Scythopolis, was an important city in the northern part of the country during the Roman and Byzantine eras. Today it is considered among the more attractive archaeological sites in Israel, attracting numerous visitors.

Among the main accomplishments this year were the uncovering of additional sections of colonnaded streets in the centre of the Roman-era town, including columns, inscriptions and other outstanding architectural features, all of which collapsed during an earthquake which occurred in January 749 C.E.

On the "valley street," which runs from the centre of the city northeastward, a mosaic-paved sidewalk from the early Byzantine period has been found. In the northern part of the excavations, an additional colonnaded street was found, and also a row of giant columns from the Roman period which were part of a monumental building.

Excavations in the area of the basilica, the primary civic structure in Roman-era Beit She'an, have revealed the building to its full dimensions, which are approximately 30 metres by 60 metres. Next to the basilica the arches of a large water-works project were uncovered, apparently dating from the Byzantine and early Arab

period.

Great efforts were invested this season in preparing the main shopping street of the Byzantine-era city for restoration. Along this street, where excavations have been taking place since 1987, archaeological remains of a row of stores have been uncovered, as well as a covered portico in front of the stores, which was supported by marble columns and connecting arches, forming a protected shopping walkway.

Behind the stores was a long row of columns from the Roman period. The stores and the arches of the portico were found toppled on the street as a result of the 749 earthquake. During the current season a large portion of this collapsed material has been removed and planning has begun to restore the fallen stores, portico and Roman columns.

In the process of removing this debris, an inscription was found stating that the portico was built in the 6th century C.E. by the Emperor Anastasius, with the assistance of Salustius and Sylvanus, two brothers who were lawyers and are known from other sources as leaders of the Samaritan community in Beit She'an.

Another inscription also was found this season, whose pieces have not yet been put together and therefore cannot be absolutely deciphered. It is a poem written in the classic Greek cadence and tells of the construction of the "greatest of all porticos."

In this past season, work began on final clearing of the Roman amphitheatre, which is located south of the main archaeological site. It is now possible to see the full extent of the amphitheatre, which served as an arena for fights involving gladiators and animals.

The excavations this year also have revealed additional inscriptions, porticos of sculptures and large numbers of coins, as well as pottery, glass and metal utensils.

New monkey jungle set for Busch Gardens

TAMPA —

A magnificent habitat featuring gorillas and chimpanzees in a tropical forest environment will open at Busch Gardens in the early summer of 1992.

The lush, nearly three-acre habitat, called Myombe Reserve: The Great Ape Domain, will be home to six lowland gorillas and eight common chimpanzees. Because of habitat destruction and hunting, gorillas and chimpanzees are currently listed as endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The gorilla population will include Lash, a silverback male owned by Busch Gardens who is currently residing at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The population will also include a

social group of five gorillas on a long-term breeding loan from the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. The Yerkes gorillas have been involved in conservative-oriented behavioral and reproductive research.

The habitat's eight chimps currently reside in Busch Gardens' African veldt area and in the Nairobi section, which is undergoing extensive renovation to create Myombe Reserve: The Great Ape Domain.

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

By the time you read this column El Al will hopefully have delivered me safely to one of my favorite destinations in the world—**Montreal**. Just kidding, even though I love that city. No, I will be in **Israel** (Na, na, na na, na) and you won't. But that doesn't mean you can't pick up that phone and call your travel agent and try to catch up with me as I zig and zag across the landscape on my trusty camel **Shlomo**.

Whether you join up with me or not, I'll have lots to tell you when I get back in a few weeks. In the meantime, don't let the **Dragon Lady** take over this column or give it to someone else. If she tries, picket **The CJN** and send nasty Letters to the Editor. If that fails, threaten to cut off her supply of Diet Coke.

Actually, I don't think she'll try anything thanks to my friend **Yehuda Shen** he of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** who made me a very happy man last week. No, he didn't fix me up with **Kim Basinger**, but he did present me with a plaque, and I quote: "in appreciation of outstanding contributions to Israel tourism publicity."

This all happened at a dinner at the **Holiday Inn on King** as part of a series of dinners jointly hosted by the **IGTO** and the **Greek National Tourist Organization**. The presentation came as a surprise and I was very moved. Not as much as if they'd given me a car or a substantial check, but moved nonetheless. I must add that the plaque, in the form of a scroll, was designed by the **IGTO's** own **Delightful Debbie Vadas** who looked absolutely stunning. And I would be remiss in leaving out another **IGTO** stalwart, **Marvellous Ellen Melman** who always makes my blood race a bit when I see her.

Evan Pezas, the director for the **GNTTO** was also on hand, but unfortunately we didn't get to drink any ouzo or break any dishes. It was, however, a pleasure to see him again. All in all a great night, with some 250 travel agents in attendance and **Yehuda**, as always, in fine form.

I also had a chance to spend some time with **Ehud Telem** of **Payless Travel** in **Thornhill**.

He tells me that his staff of 14, which originate from around the globe, can offer services and information in English, French, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish, German, Russian, Yiddish and Afrikaans. Pretty impressive, don't you think? **Ehud** says **Payless Travel**, which is located at 7670 Yonge just north of John, is offering bar and bat mitzvah packages from \$2,500 that include airfare, 5-star hotels, full Israeli breakfast daily, eight days of sightseeing on airconditioned buses with licensed guides, entrance fees and extra surprises.

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Planning a trip to **France**? If so, the **Butcher Man** has some information that you need to know. Forget that **Paris** is the city of the **Eiffel Tower**, the **Louvre**, **Champs Elysee**, beautiful clothes and bidets. What are its restrooms like? That's the question **The CJN's** enquiring readers want to know.

Wait no longer, mes amis. A health magazine called **Que Choisir Sante** rated the restrooms on a 20-point scale considering everything from a powerful flush to soap in wash basins. The results are surprising.

For example, the celebrated **Cafe des Deux Magots**, a haunt of **Ernest Hemingway** and **J. Scott Fitzgerald** scored only eight points. The modernistic **Pompidou Centre** was worse with six. After finding this, the magazine wrote: "a visit to the sewers of **Paris** would, without doubt, be less disagreeable." Ooooo. They play hardball over there, don't they?

So did anyone chalk up a perfect score? Certainly, you oaf. Two establishments made it. One was the luxurious **Ritz Hotel**. The other?

Is **McDonald's** great, or what?

To be fair, the magazine rated its own toilets and came in with an embarrassing 13. C'est la vie.

Jim Kenzie, the freelance writer who's the **Wheels** columnist in **The Toronto Star**, is putting together a motoring tour of **England**. The tour runs June 9 to 20 and those going will drive **Bentleys**, **Jaguars**, **Rolls-Royces** and **Range Rovers**.

Sounds great and nobody better to go with than **Kenzie**. My problem with it is the price tag which runs \$5,695 per person based on double occupancy. Hey, we're talking 10 days here. This price includes air fare, hotels, some meals, driver training (if you can't drive, you shouldn't be going), and all car-related expenses. Maybe I'm old-fashioned. Maybe I'm just cheap. I think it's expensive, but you decide for yourself. Call **Jim Kenzie** or **Karen MacBeath** at (416) 782-3860.

Travel

Nassau's really jammin' with lively entertainment

By
PAUL LUNGEN

NASSAU —

In the city of Nassau, everybody like soca. Panamanians like it; young girl like it; old lady like it; tourists like it.

Everybody like the infectious joyful rhythms of the music of the Caribbean, whether it be the fractured version above of the The Rebels' soca hit, *Banana*, the compelling sounds of junkanoo, the fast pace of merengue or the hypnotic, trance-like sounds of reggae.

In the island of New Providence, site of the Bahamian capital of Nassau, music seems to be everywhere: in shops, in the buses, even in your hotel. With whistles blowin', and drums beatin', local musicians in colorful outfits playin' junkanoo barnstorm through the hotel from pool side to hotel lobby and even into the casinos that seem to be as indigenous to the island as sandy beaches and palm trees.

Try not to dip your hip when they play junkanoo. As they say in de islands, "Hey mon, we be jammin' now."

If you want to know what the islanders are listening to, as well as see a side of Nassau that is off the beaten tourist track (actually, they don't beat tourists in Nassau; the people are quite friendly), try a ride in one of the right-hand drive buses.

Chances are the driver and the assistant? friend? trainee? who occupies the chair next to him will have the radio on with music blaring out at volumes that could wake the neighbors.

At night, Club Waterloo on East Bay Street offers live bands playing soca and merengue music into the wee hours, while those interested in the broader variety of a folkloric show can take in Peanuts Taylor's All Bahamian Island Revue at the Drumbeat Supper Club on West Bay Street.

The show features what is billed as "exotic fire dancing" (the performer sets parts of her body on fire for short periods, as well as "eating" a burning torch), Calypso singing in the Harry Belafonte style, steel drum music, hip-shaking dancers and a limbo contest. A fruity Bahama Mama or a Bahama Papa rounds out the evening nicely.

Straw market

During the day, downtown Nassau features a straw market, with colorfully-decorated straw baskets, conch shells, T-shirts, carvings and other souvenirs on sale.

Nearby, in easy walking distance is Rawson Square, close to where passengers disembark from the cruiseships that frequent the island. Horse-drawn carriages are available there for a leisurely tour of the city. Just west of the downtown shop-



Visitors to Nassau's Straw Market can find plenty of opportunities to get their hair braided with colorful beads in the Bahamian style, as this visitor found out. [Paul Lungen photo]

ping area is the Ardastra Garden and Zoo where visitors can see marching flamingoes (the Bahama's national bird) at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. daily.

A little farther west is the white, needle-topped Coral World Observatory. Like its Israeli counterpart in Eilat, it allows visitors to descend below sea level to gaze at the creatures that inhabit a coral reef.

The hotels which cater to the tourist trade are self-contained islands that provide enough activities to keep you entertained. In addition to restaurants and shows, pools and beaches, scuba diving and dancing lessons, many also offer the neon glitter of Las Vegas gambling.

Slot machines, blackjack, baccarat, roulette and craps (dice) are available for both the high roller and the 25 cent bettor. On Paradise Island, just north of New Providence and accessible by either bridge or ferry (take the ferry for a ground-level view of the harbor) the glitzy Paradise Island Resort and Casino is one of the main attractions. Entertainer/entrepreneur Merv Griffin has also gotten into the casino sweepstakes with his own hotel and airline to bring customers to the island.

Nassau data:

• Comedian Eddie Murphy is building a home on New Providence

Island and has purchased a small cay (pronounced key) to the west of Paradise Island. Islanders are speculating he too will soon be in the resort/casino business.

• Christopher Columbus' first landfall in the new world is believed to have been on the eastern Bahamian island of San Salvador on Oct. 12, 1492. A quincennial celebration is planned for October.

• The name Bahamas is a corruption of the Spanish words *baja mar* (low sea).

• After a brief Spanish presence, the Bahamas were colonized by British farmers and were governed from the U.S. Carolinas until 1717. The Bahamas became independent in 1973.

• Bahamian money is on par with the U.S. dollar and the two currencies are interchangeable. The local currency features both a \$3 bill and a 50 cent note.

• The famous pirate, Blackbeard, Edward Teach, made the Bahamas his base in the 18th century.

• The entire population of the Bahamas is 254,000, 171,500 of whom live in Nassau.

• The local cuisine features two items from the sea: conch and grouper.

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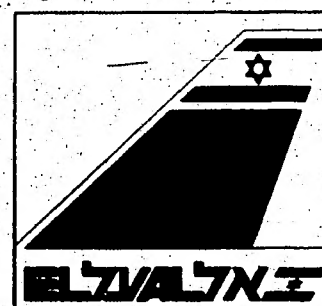
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Business Outlook

Life-saving seminars offered

By
JOSEPH SERGE
TORONTO —

Do you know what to do if your child chokes on a piece of food? Or swallows a toxic detergent? Or cuts himself with a sharp object?

Hopefully you'll never need to know. But there is an old adage, still useful today, that says better safe than sorry.

To make people, especially parents, know how to handle an emergency situation, Steven Brass, a qualified first aid instructor, founded Link to Life Seminars Inc., a government-approved training service, 10 years ago.

"In most urban areas with a 911 emergency service like Toronto, it takes an ambulance eight minutes to respond," says Brass. "If a child stops breathing, it only takes four minutes for him to die." For this reason, Brass says, "Regardless how effective the emergency service is, parents and teachers have to know these basic first aid skills or a child could die."

Brass named the service Link to Life because in an emergency situation proper first aid can be the link to life a dying person needs.

Link to Life provides seminars for businesses, community groups and families across Ontario. "We were the first in Canada to provide children's emergency workshops for teachers and parents," Brass says.



Unlike other similar services, Link to Life holds its seminars right in people's homes.

"This is great because we can train not only the parents, but the grandparents, babysitters, nannies and whomever watches the kids," he says. "It becomes a family affair."

A seminar can last three hours or three days. The three-hour course, intended for families, focuses on newborn and child emergencies. It covers basic first aid and CPR including choking, breathing and bleeding emergencies, seizures, falls, poisons, burns and prevention.

The three-day seminar is intended for businesses and covers advanced first aid and CPR including how to handle machinery and chemical emergencies.

Brass, 34, was an instructor at Mount Sinai Hospital before he started Link to Life. "I found no one was prepared to handle such emergencies and I designed new programs for these people," he says. "I went around to prenatal organizations and

hospitals and found they didn't cover emergency instruction for newborns because they didn't have the time."

Brass says that hospitals do not offer any training to new parents while they are in the hospital during delivery. Many cities in Ontario, he said, do not have the 911 service and parents do not know who to call in an emergency. Brass found many schools do not have a nurse on site and many teachers have never received any emergency training.

Brass stresses the urgency of a first aid course. "Many people wait for emergencies to arise and then realize they don't know what the heck to do." Some of his phone calls "are unfortunately after the fact." These are people who want to learn first aid after they've had to deal with an emergency.

Link to Life's other clients, "our favorite types of calls," Brass said, are from referrals. "We also get calls from people wanting to thank us for saving a life," he said.

Now that the business is in its 11th year, Brass finds there is a constant amount of business. "We have no quiet time," he says. "We do close to 1,000 seminars a year."

Link to Life has a staff of about 30 trained people in CPR. The three-hour family workshop costs \$25 per person although the price may be higher outside Toronto. The only requirement is that a group has a minimum of 10 people.

Foreign investors test Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The first U.S. government-led mission to privatize the economy — sent to Israel to test the climate for private investment returned with mixed impressions.

The group saw a country eager in theory to privatize the economy — but in practice moving slowly and hesitantly toward an uncertain future.

"The philosophy to accommodate foreign investment is in place. All they have to do is implement it," said Warren Zeger, chief corporation counsel for Comsat, the private satellite enterprise.

Asked if he thought they would, Zeger replied, "We'll have to wait and see."

That attitude was shared by other members of the group that was headed by Wendell Wilkie II, the U.S. commerce Department's general counsel, and included government economic specialists and senior attorneys from some of the firms Israel wants most to attract.

Israeli officials and business leaders spoke of the need for thorough

economic reform. The Americans were impressed with the investment incentives Israel now offers foreign firms.

But the question of implementation seemed to hang in the air.

"It's like Eastern Europe," said Zeger. "They don't really understand capitalism, and they're not sure they really like it. But they understand that the alternatives don't work. And they think this will make the difference."

Israeli officials have promised to privatize the economy, which is rife with government-owned industries, many of which are losing money. But so far, the Americans say, there has been more talk than action.

"We were told that everyone favors privatization in the abstract," said Howard Weissman, assistant general counsel for Martin-Marietta, the defence contractor. "But when it comes down to it, no one in government wants to see his own power go away."

During their trip, U.S. government officials in the delegation pressed their Israeli counterparts on their commitment to privatize. Wilkie

spoke of "the critical importance of Israel's commitment to foreign investment" and "especially its privatization efforts."

"Israel says they're moving forward on this," said one Commerce Department official. "But other countries, such as Mexico and Venezuela, are way ahead of them. If you're going to do it, then do it."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met with the group for about 30 minutes. Longer talks were held with Moshe Nissim, the minister of trade and industry, and Michael Kleiner, head of the Knesset's immigration and absorption committee.

But for many, the highlight of their visit was meeting Jacob Frenkel, the recently named governor of the Bank of Israel, Israel's central bank. "He gave by far the best briefing," said one delegation member.

"Everyone we met sang from the same song sheet, about how Israel is moving toward more free enterprise," said Zeger. "They do have a very complex government system," and some ministries can be difficult to deal with," he said.

Firm needs investment funds

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

A leading American venture capital firm, Hambrecht & Quist, has opened an Israeli subsidiary and hopes to invest between \$100 million and \$150 million here over the next several years.

Company officials said that they are now working on raising the necessary dedicated funds, from both American and Israeli investors.

While H&Q currently manages slightly over \$600 million in funds, the company believes that without outside money, the amount it hopes to invest here would be "a vastly disproportionate share" of its total business.

The newly established H&Q Israel is also in the process of searching out attractive investments, and company officials say they are negotiating with an undisclosed number of firms here.

San Francisco-based H&Q, founded in 1968, is active in both venture capital and investment banking, and

specializes in high-tech, life sciences and services. Since its founding, it has managed investments of more than \$600 million in more than 390 companies, raised over \$9.6 billion through public offerings, and worked with leading U.S. companies such as Apple Computer, Convergent Technologies, Genentech and Adobe Systems.

It currently has more than 200 privately-held companies in its portfolio, and was one of the five most active venture capital firms in the U.S. in 1990.

H&Q first entered the Israeli market in 1989, with investments in two high-tech firms: Mercury Interactive (Israel) and ART.

The company is now looking to invest in other firms which share some of the same characteristics: export-oriented, and operating in fields where Israel has an international reputation or at least a potential competitive advantage, such as com-

puters, high-tech, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, textiles and tourism.

The recent Russian immigration, on top of the country's already high-quality work force, makes Israel an attractive place to invest, company officials say.

H&Q Israel will consider investments in three types of companies: start-ups with the potential to achieve revenues of \$50-\$100 million in five to eight years; existing businesses in growth markets, whose main impediment to growth is a lack of equity capital; and government companies that are about to be privatized.

The firm's modus operandi involves the formation of long-term partnerships with entrepreneurs, and it believes in providing its investments with expertise as well as access to capital. It also insists on having a strong voice on the board of directors of any company it invests in, on the theory that "decisive leadership is the best way to make money."

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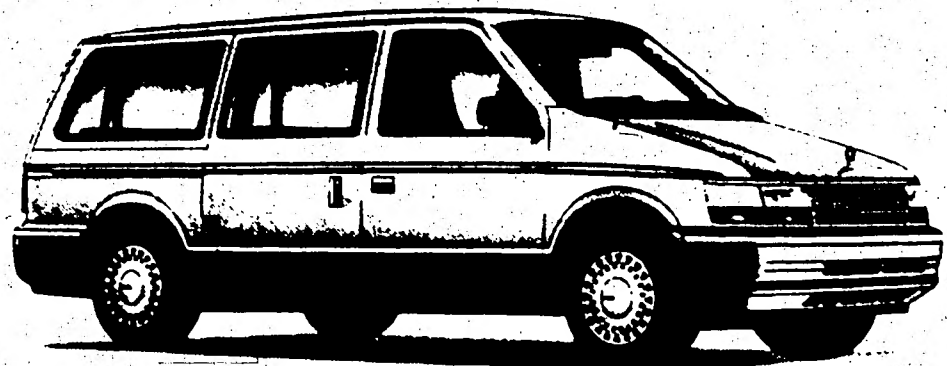


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Japan moves swiftly to invest in Israel

By
CARL ALPERT
HAIFA —

While American investors, Jews among them, may be marking time and still cautiously studying the possibilities, the shrewd Japanese businessmen are already

moving swiftly and are getting in on the ground floor in some of Israel's sophisticated enterprises.

Perhaps the first major breakthrough came in Eilat where the Histadrut's Koor firm had been operating a plant for the growing of algae, the raw material for

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That was only a beginning. Last summer Japanese investment made possible the inauguration in Karmiel of a major electronics plant, operated by the Nemic-Lambda group, and now employing about 200 workers. Production is running into tens of millions of dollars, most of it for export. Rikihiko Madarame, president of the Japanese firm, explained his company's interest succinctly: "Israel has the best engineers in the world."

In the past 12 months the list has grown considerably. Zoran Microelectronics of Haifa, in co-operation with Fuji Japan, has developed a chip which could lower the price of the Fuji still video camera from about \$2,500 to below \$500. Little wonder that the Japanese are interested.

At the Technion, which trains most of Israel's engineers, a novel technique which can emulate the eye's ability to adjust its sensitivity and focus has brought about the formation of a company called i sight Ltd., with Japanese and American investors.

In the field of chemicals, the Tateho Chemical Industries, a leader in its field, is teaming up with an Israeli Dead Sea firm to produce and market fused magnesium oxide, used in the manufacture of refractory bricks. The new plant, to be constructed in the Negev, will have a capacity of 13 billion tons a year. Capital invested: \$23 million.

Miti, the Japanese government office for overseas trade and industry, has already sent a resident representative to Israel, and he is exploring new connections. Nagahori, Tasaki Shinju, Toyo are some of the other Japanese firms which already have solid investments in Israel. The pace has been accelerating to such an extent that now Japanese banks are displaying a keen interest. The Crown Group of Japan has put \$20 million into an Israel investment company.

There has been much criticism of Japan because it pushes its own exports, but is slow at taking foreign imports. On the other hand it leads the world in making investments abroad.

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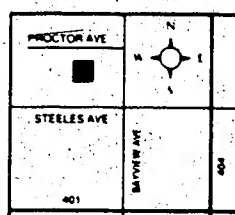
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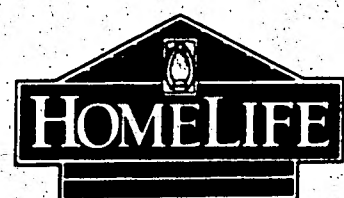
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Lillian Hanser on Mar 25/92, late of 34 Brightwood Street.

Paula Weksler on Mar 27/92, late of 3595 Keele St. Downsview.

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The festive atmosphere in Shaare Zedek's auditorium was in honor of the dedication of the Moked 109 facility on the hospital's third floor.

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At the ceremony, the list of speakers included Shulamit Shamir, who, in addition to being the wife of the prime minister, is the chairman of the National Council for the Aged; Prof. Jonathan Halevy, director-general of Shaare Zedek; and Chaim Vigolik who was director of Magen David Adom (Israel's Red Cross) in Jerusalem for decades and is the motivating spirit behind the endeavor.

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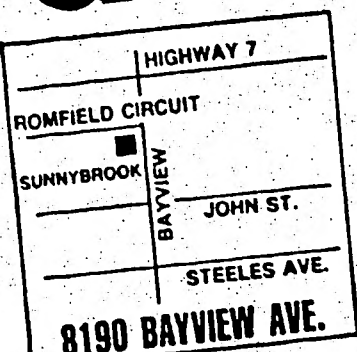
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Turkish coffee a favorite throughout Israel

There is probably no beverage more widely adored throughout Israel than Turkish coffee. Served in Arab and Jewish homes to welcome guests, members of Parliament drink it during their deliberations, businessmen often formalize the closing of a deal by serving it, and hundreds of thousands of people sit in their favorite cafes and sip it for no reason other than the pleasure it gives them.

For the sake of honesty, however, it is only fair to reveal the truth about Turkish coffee: there really is no such thing. Indeed, the small cups of steaming black, strongly aromatic coffee one receives, whether in someone's home or in the plainest or fanciest restaurants, are real and delicious enough. The taste and bouquet are a delight, and even the mild aftertaste that lingers on the palate is most pleasing. Whatever the qualities of this delectable drink, however, Turkish it is not.

Most Turks are convinced that this style of coffee was once exclusively theirs. In fact, Arabs were brewing coffee in this fashion nearly a thousand years before the Turks. However, the Arabs themselves borrowed the method from the ancient Ethiopians, probably the earliest civilization to recognize coffee as a consumable beverage.

Turkish coffee can be found as part of the normal fare throughout the Middle East, as well as in Greece and the Balkans. In other places scattered around the world, it may be found under a host of different names.

Those who want to make this treat at home will find it a simple enough operation. The only special implement required is a small, narrow-necked coffee pot known commonly by the Arabic name of "briki." The pot should have a capacity

of about 8 oz. (250 ml.), which is adequate for four demitasse sized cups of coffee.

If possible, one should use fresh, finely ground, roasted coffee of high quality. If fresh ground coffee is unavailable, several tinned brands are acceptable.

The briki should be filled to within one inch of the brim with cold water. Before heating, add three well-heaped teaspoons of coffee (more may be used but never less) to the water. For moderately sweet coffee, two level teaspoons of sugar should also be added.

The mixture should be stirred while cold and then put on a high flame. Occasional stirring during heating is crucial. One must also take care not to allow the mixture to boil over, for the result will be an extremely messy stove top.

As the mixture approaches a first boil, it should be removed from the fire for a few seconds to allow the foam to settle. It should then be brought to a boil a second time and then poured. (Many Bedouins allow the coffee to boil a third time, believing that the final boiling frees the coffee of caffeine.)

Pouring is also important. It is considered good manners to pour a small initial amount into each cup and only then to pour the rest, filling each cup equally. This allows the foamy top, the best part of the coffee, to be shared equally by all. The coffee should also be served with glasses of icy cold water on the side.

One touch which is frequently found is the addition to the cold mixture of a pinch of cardamom spice, known in both Arabic and Hebrew as *hehl*. It is suggested that every devotee try this delicious addition at least once.

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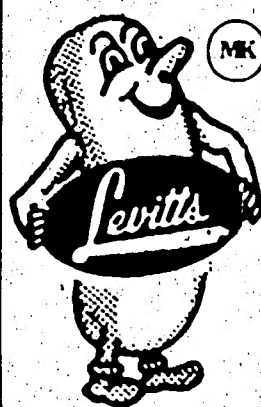
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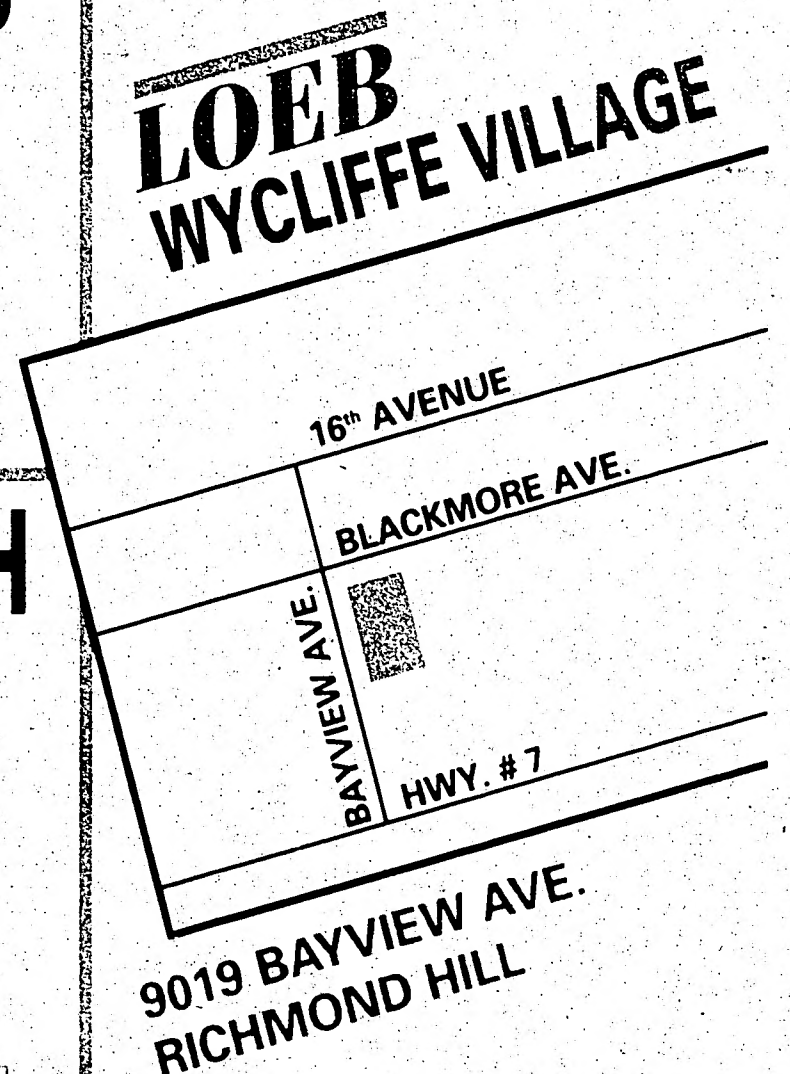
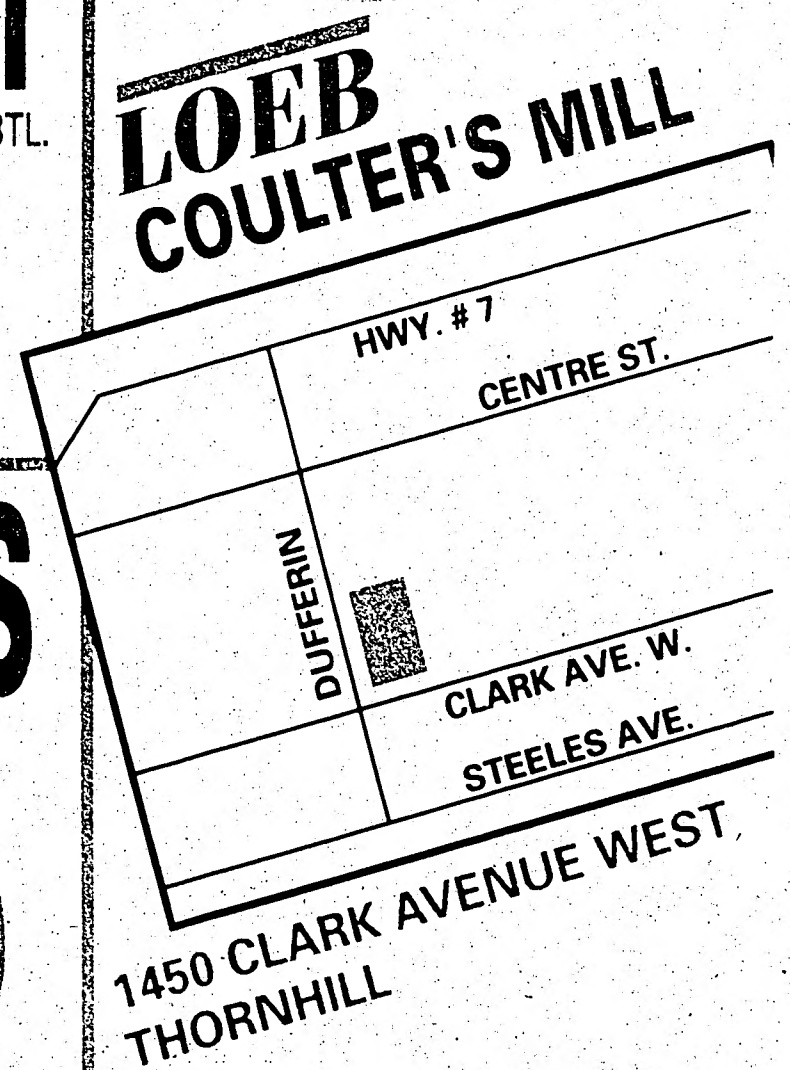
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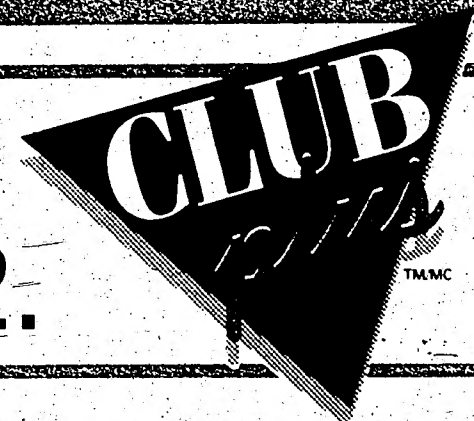
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Passover Foods



Paul Bonder (left) and Jeff Simon of Supreme Foods with some of the many products they distribute.

Quick foods help families on the go

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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CYNTHIA GASNER

Many of the new Passover foods this year are aimed at making life easier for the family on the go.

Jimmy Kadoch of Kosher City and Joel Daiter of Daiter's agree that the new frozen, microwaveable entrees including cauliflower and cheese, eggplant parmesan, and potato, mushroom, cheese or raisin blintzes are a boon to the working mother. "Instead of coming home late and having to prepare dinner, she can pop them in the microwave or oven and have a delicious meal. We even carry a variety of frozen soups, and for dessert, the new frozen fruits such as rhubarb or strawberries are quick and healthy," says Kadoch.

Bob Jack of the food distributor Kaufman-Barenholtz says that for a quick lunch or side dish Noam has come out with a variety of salads including herring, white fish, vegetarian chopped liver and eggplant, available in 8 ounce cups.

Health-conscious consumers will be pleased to note that a number of low-fat, salt-free products are new on the Passover market this year. Jack reports that as well as a new cooking spray that can replace oil, Lieber Foods has introduced a line of sugar-free jams and candies. "Elite chocolates from Israel has also come out with dietetic chocolate bars," he says.

Kadoch says that some of the new imported foods include triangle and Camembert cheese from Denmark and orange flavor cookies from France. "These cookies are almost like the real thing. You'd never know they are a matzoh product."

Entertaining will be a little easier this year with the new pre-baked pastries from such companies as Manishevitz and Oberlander, available at most stores carrying a large supply of Passover foods such as Food City, Sunnybrook, Miracle or Highland Farms. The fresh cookies, roll cakes, cakes and muffins are sure to make a hit, as will the new Parvine, a parve chocolate or vanilla ice cream that is delicious as a dessert or treat for the kids.

As for beverages, most stores are carrying the new tropical fruit and mandarin ciders, as well as coffee in an individual drip size. "This is the best thing for coffee drinkers," says Kadoch.

Those inclined to do their own baking will enjoy the new semi-sweet chocolates made by Pafkez and distributed through Kaufman-Barenholtz.

Kadoch says that for the first time this year his store is carrying a selection of

kosher for Passover makeup such as lipstick and skin cream. "Also available is a children's pain reliever, mouthwash and antacids that are all of the highest quality."

Despite difficult economic times and depressed sales in the food industry today, there is an increasing demand for kosher products, says Paul Bonder of Supreme Foods Limited, importers and distributors of kosher food products.

Bonder, who bought Supreme Foods with partners Jeff and Ron Simon four years ago, says that the growing demand for kosher foods throughout the year and at Passover led to their recent expansion to larger premises in Concord, Ont. to accommodate their extensive inventory of kosher food products.

"We can now distribute more Canadian kosher products as well as imported foods from Israel and the United States," says Bonder. "We are delighted that we can now carry more foods from Israel and we hope to continue to strengthen our ties with Israeli food companies."

Recently, Supreme was appointed the distributor for Mrs. Whyte's products for the kosher trade throughout Ontario, except Ottawa. He notes that in November of 1991, the *Toronto Star* held a taste test of 10 popular brands of dill pickles "and selected Mrs. Whyte's as the top pickle." He adds that Mrs. Whyte's products are available for Passover as well as year round.

Some of the Israeli products which are kosher for Passover are: Aviv Matzo, Bnei-Darom olives and cucumbers, Rose of Galilee chocolates, Galilee ciders, Vita Hasahar chocolate spreads, Yavne olives and cucumbers, and Bashkevits coffees. He notes that a new Passover item which will appeal to the health-conscious is the low fat (3 percent) Kadesh olive from Bnei-Darom.

And from the United States, there are products from Streits, Horowitz, Croyden House, Gold's holiday candy, Itzkowitz, Tampree juices and many others.

Bonder says that Supreme has recently acquired a new line of Canadian cheeses including sticks, slices, bulk and novel items especially suitable for children — small, individually wrapped cheese squares.

"This year, if one becomes tired of traditional Passover fare," says Bonder, "they might want to try one or more of several new Palmazone all natural frozen microwaveable entrees."

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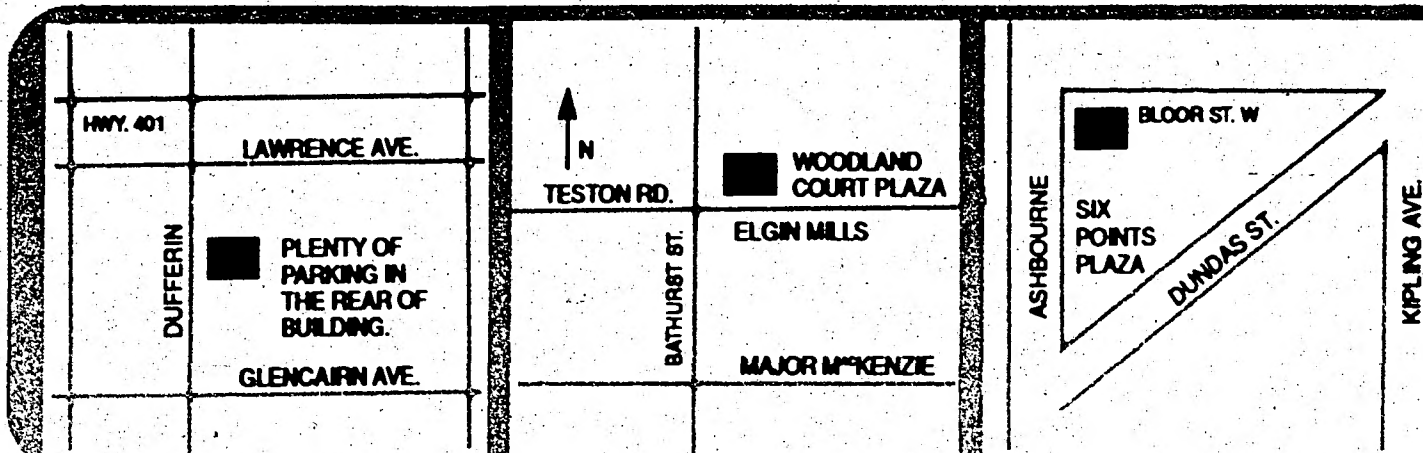
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Kashruth Council updates its directory

TORONTO —

The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has published an addition to the 1991-1992 Kashruth Directory. The products and services are under the COR kashruth supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth.

New units include: My Zaidy's Bakery & Cafe located at 7241 Bathurst St. in Thornhill, My Zaidy's Bakery in Sunnybrook Foods at Wilmington Ave., Zuchters Creative Catering take-out food counter located in Sunnybrook Foods at Wilmington Ave.; Brick Brewing Co. Ltd. (COR 297) which brews a variety of beers; Christie Brown & Co. Div. of Nabisco Brands Ltd. (COR 97) which produces Mr. Christie Cake and Sugar Cones.

IGA Canada Ltd. (COR 235), IGA pastas; Lounsbury Foods Ltd. (COR 195) horseradish with beets; McNeil Consumer Products Company (COR 214) lactaid tablets; Purity Foods Inc. (COR 299) potato chips; River Road Coffee Inc. (COR 304) International Club coffees; Seaforth Creamery Inc. (COR 172-172D) margarine (D), mayonnaise and assorted salad dressings (some dairy); Strathroy Foods (COR 301) frozen vegetables; and York Food Service Alimentair (COR 221) Complete Mix Instant Mashed Potatoes (D).

New commercial/industrial units: Ault Foods Ltd. Dundee Creamery; Grain Process Enterprises; Harold T. Griffin Inc.; Nutco Inc.; Ogilvie Mills Ltd.; Perfume & Flavor Resources; Super Chem Ltd.; and Superior Chocolates.

Unit changes: Sunroot Energy Ltd. (COR 41) is now Commercial Alcohols Inc.; Kinneret (fresh fish) at 4119 Bathurst St. is now FinkelSHtein's; and the new name for San Diego The Yogurt Emporium at 800 Steeles Ave. West in Thornhill is Not Just Yogurt.

Some of the retail products to be added to the COR list are: A & P Food Stores (COR 80-800) Royal Coffee Beans, Dutch Chocolate Almond Decaffeinated (D), Hazelnut Cream, Irish Cream, and Peaches 'n Cream (D); Ault Foods Ltd. (COR 95-950D) Sealtest Creamsicles (D) and Fudgesicles (D); Boyle-Midwell Canada Ltd. Ltee. (COR 79) Down to Earth All Purpose Cleaner, Dishwashing Liquid, and Fabric Softener; Bristol-Myers Pharmaceutical & Nutritional Group (COR 35-35D) meal replacements, Boost With Fibre (D), Chocolate Plus Boost (D), and Vanilla Plus Boost (D); Colgate-Palmolive Canada Inc. (COR 281) Javex Lemon Bleach and Javex Lemon Scrub 'n Shine.

Other retail product changes and additions include: Monarch Fine Foods (COR 47-47D) Fleischmann's Unsalted Margarine are now made in dairy equipment and carry a 470 symbol; Nabisco Brands Ltd. (Grocery Div.) (COR 114) cereals, Apple & Cinnamon Shreddies, Balance Multibran, Balance Multibran with Raisins and Rolled Oats.

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New dishes help liven up traditional holiday fare

By
NAOMI ARBIT

(JTA)

The Passover holiday presents a real challenge for the creative cook who wants to serve varied, delicious and nutritious meals during the eight-day period.

Recipes served at the Seder and the days following may have been passed on from generation to generation, but there is always room for new dishes to carry on the traditions. For those who are eating less beef and a lot of turkey and chicken, the following could be a welcome change.

ROAST CAPON WITH APRICOT STUFFING

6-8 pound capon
4 cups matzah farfel
1 cup orange juice
2-3 tbsp. vegetable oil
1/3 cup chopped onion
1/3 cup chopped celery
1/3 cup chopped red pepper
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup diced dried apricots
1 tsp. grated orange rind
2 cups chicken broth
3 tbsp. potato starch

Glaze:

3/4 cup apricot preserves or jam
6 tbsp. orange juice
2 tbsp. brandy

In a large bowl soak farfel in orange juice.

In a skillet heat oil; saute onions, celery and red pepper until soft.

Add sauteed vegetables to the farfel. Stir in egg, salt, raisins, apricots and orange rind; mix well.

Wash capon inside and out; pat dry with paper towels. Spoon stuffing loosely into neck and body cavities. Pull excess skin over opening; secure with poultry pins. With kitchen string, tie legs together. Place extra stuffing in a small greased casserole; bake last 30 minutes that capon is in oven. Place capon on a rack in a roasting pan, breast side up.

Combine glaze ingredients; mix well. Brush capon with glaze. Roast in a 350-degree oven for about 2-1/2 hours, basting with glaze every half-hour.

Place capon on warm serving platter. Remove poultry pins and string. Let stand 15 minutes for easier carving. Skim all fat from pan juices. Blend chicken broth and potato starch; add to pan juices. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly to loosen brown bits from bottom of pan. Reduce heat, add remaining glaze and simmer until thickened. Serve capon with gravy. 6-8 servings

MATZAH BALLS (Cholesterol-Free)

1 cup matzah meal
1 tsp. salt
1 carton egg substitute (defrosted) or 8 egg whites, beaten until frothy
4 tbsp. melted margarine
4 tbsp. cold water

In a small mixing bowl, combine matzah meal, salt and egg substitute and mix well. Add margarine and water stirring into batter. Cover bowl and refrigerate several hours or

overnight.

Moisten hands in cold water and shape mixture into walnut-sized balls. Drop into gently boiling water flavored with instant chicken bouillon. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30-45 minutes. Transfer to warm chicken soup. Heat and serve. 20-24 balls.

CHOCOLATE WALNUT TORTE

1/2 pound walnuts (about 1-2/3 cups)
2/3 cup sugar
6 ounces good quality bittersweet chocolate
1/4 cup rind from orange marmalade candy slices, diced
1 tbsp. brandy or orange liqueur
5 large egg yolks
6 large egg whites
non-dairy whipped topping

Dust a non-stick sprayed 9-inch spring-form with matzah meal.

In a food processor, grind the walnuts with 1/3 cup sugar until fine. Add chocolate and chop almost fine. Stir in the candied orange rind and orange liqueur.

In a large mixer bowl with an electric mixer, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Set aside. In another mixer bowl, with the electric mixer, beat the egg yolks with remaining 1/3 cup sugar until the mixture is thick and a light lemon color.

Stir the walnut mixture and 1/3 of the egg whites into the egg yolk mixture. Then fold in the remaining whites gently but thoroughly.

Spoon the batter into the prepared spring-form and bake in a 375-degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Place pan on

a wire rack to cool. Remove rim. Serve torte with whipped topping and slivers of orange marmalade candy slices.

BLACK FOREST CAKE ROLL

6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
1/3 cup strong black coffee
6 eggs separated
1/2 cup sugar
pinch of salt
2 tbsp. cocoa
1 large container non-dairy whipped topping
2 tbsp. sugar
1/4 cup maraschino cherries or pitted black cherries, drained

Grease a 15 1/2 X 10 1/2-inch jelly-roll pan. Line with parchment paper; grease and dust with potato starch.

In a medium saucepan, melt chocolate in coffee, stirring until smooth. Cool.

In mixer bowl beat egg yolks and sugar until thick and pale. Gently beat in chocolate mixture. In another mixer bowl beat egg whites with salt until stiff but not dry. Fold 1/3 of the egg whites into the chocolate mixture. Fold chocolate mixture into the egg whites.

Pour into prepared pan, spreading evenly with a spatula.

Bake 10 minutes in a 375-degree oven. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees and bake 5 minutes more. Remove from oven; cover with a damp towel 5 minutes. Uncover and run a sharp knife around edge of pan. Sift cocoa evenly over top. Cover with clean sheet of parchment, leaving a 3-inch overhang on each end. Invert cake with parchment onto a cookie sheet. Remove pan. Lifting long ends of parchment, transfer to a wire rack. Loosen top parchment but do not remove. Cool one hour.

Trim and discard cake edges. Cut cake in half cross-wise into two 10 X 7-inch pieces; cut parchment.

In a mixer bowl fold cherries into whipped topping. Spread filling evenly on cakes in a thin layer. Using the parchment, roll each cake from the long side. Wrap and refrigerate at least 3 hours before serving. Or wrap well and freeze; serve frozen if desired.

With knife, cut rolls into 1 to 2-inch slices. Makes 16 slices per roll, 2 slices per serving. Garnish with a whole cherry if desired.

MANDELBROT

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup margarine
3 eggs
1 cup and 6 tbsp. cake meal
6 tbsp. potato starch
1/2 cup slivered almonds
1/2 tsp. orange juice
1/2 tsp. lemon rind
1/2 tsp. each: lemon and orange rind
1 tbsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. sugar

Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time.

Combine cake meal, potato starch and nuts. Add to egg mixture along with juices and rind. Shape mixture into a 2-inch wide loaf on a greased or non-stick baking sheet.

Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on top of loaf. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 45 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into 1-inch thick slices; lay slices flat down. Toast both sides under the broiler until golden. Remove from baking sheet to rack to cool. about 40 slices

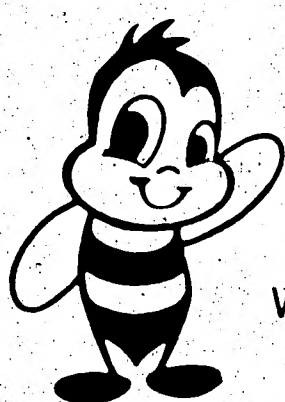
PASSOVER TRAIL MIX

1 cup matzah farfel
1/4 cup dark raisins
1/4 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1/4 cup blanched almonds
1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. vegetable oil
2 tbsp. honey

Combine farfel, raisins and nuts in a bowl; set aside. Combine oil and honey over low heat, stirring constantly until it is melted. Pour over farfel mixture, using a wooden spoon to toss and coat.

Transfer to a non-stick baking sheet, spreading mixture in an even layer. Bake in a 350-degree oven until browned, about 15 minutes. Place baking sheet on a wire rack; let stand until mixture is cool and dry, about 15 minutes. 4 1/2 cup servings

Naomi Arbit is a syndicated food columnist and author of seven cookbooks.



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When the imagination just fails at the idea of planning another Pesach meal, try these vegetable dishes from Foodland Ontario.

Glaze Onions

- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 8 medium onions
- ½ cup chicken stock
- 1 tsp sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp dried thyme leaves
- 2 tsp dried parsley flakes

In large skillet, melt butter and add onions. Cook over low heat, turning occasionally, for 10 minutes or until onions are golden. Stir in chicken stock, sugar, salt and thyme.

Cover skillet and continue cooking 20 minutes or until tender. Baste onions frequently. Cooking time will depend on size of onions. Remove lid, add parsley and continue cooking onions until glazed (about 5 minutes longer). Makes 4 servings.

Crispy Potato Rosti

- 4 large potatoes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- ½ tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- 4 tbsp melted butter or parve margarine

Cook potatoes for only 10 minutes. Cool potatoes to room temperature, at least 2 hours. Grate potatoes by hand and mix with onion, salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Place 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter or parve margarine in 8-inch (20 cm) non-stick skillet. Add potato mixture and flatten to cover bottom of skillet. Over medium heat, pan fry 10 minutes, or until bottom surface is well browned. Shake pan frequently to prevent sticking.

Slide röstli, all in one piece, onto large plate. Cover with plate of identical size and carefully flip. Add remaining butter to skillet. Slide röstli, browned side up, back into skillet. Cook the same as for first side.

Slide onto serving platter and cut into wedges. Makes 4 servings.

Creamed Potato Casserole

- 4 medium Ontario potatoes
 - ¼ cup sour cream
 - 1 egg
 - 2 tbsp melted butter
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 1/8 tsp pepper
 - 2 tbsp butter
 - 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- Cook potatoes in large bowl. Add sour cream, egg, melted butter, salt and pepper. Beat until creamy.

In small saucepan, saute onion in remaining butter 5 minutes. Beat into potato mixture.

Stir in ¾ cup (200 mL) grated cheese. Spoon potato mixture into greased casserole dish and sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees F (180 degrees C) 40 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

Fresh Tomato and Basil Soup

This light, flavored soup makes a perfect start to any meal.

- 2 tbsp butter or parve margarine
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 4 tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil OR 2 tsp (10 mL) dried basil
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley

In heavy saucepan melt butter over medium heat; stir in garlic, carrots and onion. Cook over medium-low heat until onion is tender. Add stock, cover and simmer 20 minutes.

Stir in tomatoes, simmer 10 minutes. Just before serving stir in basil and parsley; add salt and pepper to taste. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



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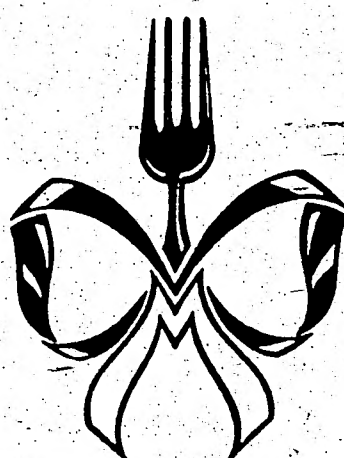
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By
IDELE ROSS

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Why is cross border shopping different at Passover than at other times of the year? Because for two months prior to the festival through it's eighth day, groceries clearly marked 'kosher for Passover' are tax exempt.

Revenue Canada's Tariff Bill Section C62 permits the importation of those edible groceries "... of a class not available in Canada." This includes most matzah-based items, as well as an extensive list comprising everything from canned and powdered soups to baked goods and chocolates.

"However, chocolate covered marshmallows and orange peel would be taxed because our inspectors know they are available in Canada," explained Donna McRae, customs superintendent at Queenston Bridge.

Border inspectors have been briefed and are reporting an increase in the number of people shopping "over the river" for Passover at both Niagara and Windsor crossings. "We recommend that anyone doing Passover shopping in the States ask for two separate receipts," said McRae, "one listing regular groceries and the other for Passover goods, exempt from the 10.2 percent import duty on groceries."

She also suggests declaring the goods at the border, involving filling out what is called an entry. "This is just a receipt showing that all purchases are for one's personal use," said McRae. "Inspectors are obliged to check that everything is stamped 'kosher for Passover'."

At the suggestion of *The Canadian Jewish News*, McRae said she would be sending copies of the tariff code to local synagogues. Consumers' questions can be addressed to the Department of National Revenue, Tariff Programs, Ottawa, K1A 0L5, Attention: Remissions Policy Unit.

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Spring cooking classes

The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has announced its lineup of spring cooking classes.

The spring classes and demonstrations will be given by Vivian Anhang, a teacher and graduate home economist who has had many years of experience in presenting food-related programs to all segments of the community.

"The COR cooking classes have been very successful," said Cynthia Gasner, the information and public relations officer for the Council and

organizer of the department's educational programs. "This spring, we are presenting three new classes and by popular demand, we will be repeating the session on Mediterranean Cooking."

Esther Schwartz, the kosher food consultant for the Kashruth Council, is co-ordinator of the classes and Judy Hecht is Anhang's assistant.

The classes will once again be held at the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. There is ample parking and convenient public transportation. The fee for each class

is \$15.

On Tuesday evening, May 5, there will be a new class (V14), Breads and Pastries. This class will include working with yeast recipes and pie dough.

The demonstration will include braided and round challahs and buns, bun loaf yeast bread and batter bread, and fruit and cream pies.

On Tuesday evening, May 12, a new session titled, Pasta Pasta (V15) will include an array of pasta specialties including broccoli stuffed jumbo shells with sauce, salmon fettuccine a la champignons, crustless macaroni spinach tart or pie, cheese

linguini, pasta primavera and noodle ring with nuts and maraschino cherries.

On Tuesday evening, May 26, there will be a new class on Chinese (meat) recipes (V16) which will include egg drop soup, Chinese salad with spicy chop suey, vegetable chow mein, egg rolls and deep fried wontons with date filling.

The final session of the spring series will be a repeat of Mediterranean Cooking (V11) which will include a selection of Mediterranean-Middle East dishes including chatznilim (eggplant salad), soupa augolemono (egg and lemon soup), baked lamb shank and tomato sauce, stuffed grape leaves, black-eyed beans and eggs, khoubz (Mediterranean bread) and baklava (layered pastry with nuts and

honey syrup).

The cooking classes are limited in enrolment. Registration is treated on a first-come-first-serve basis. To register, send your name, address, postal code, phone number (home and work) and indicate the class or classes you wish to take.

Enclose a postdated cheque, dated on the day of that class. If registering for more than one class, please send a separate postdated cheque for each class.

Mail to: Cynthia Gasner, Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2. For more details, call (416) 635-9550.

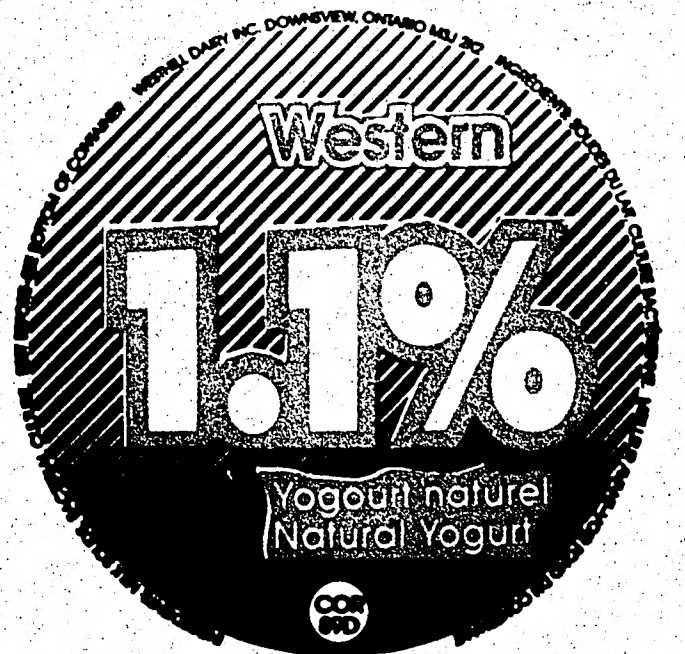
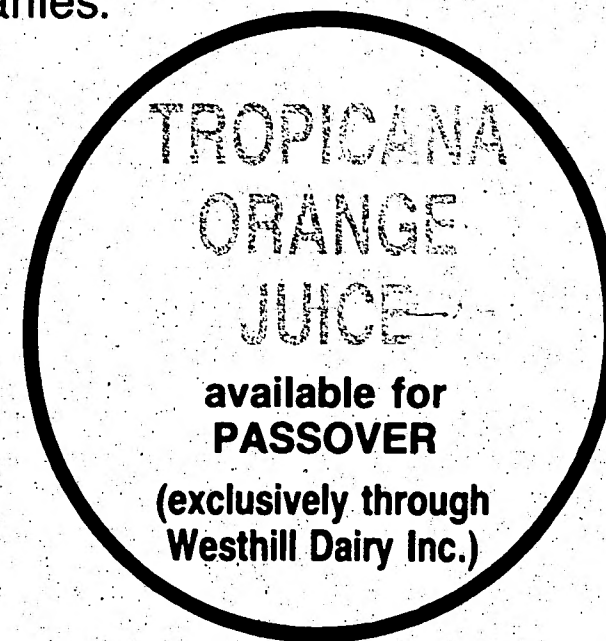
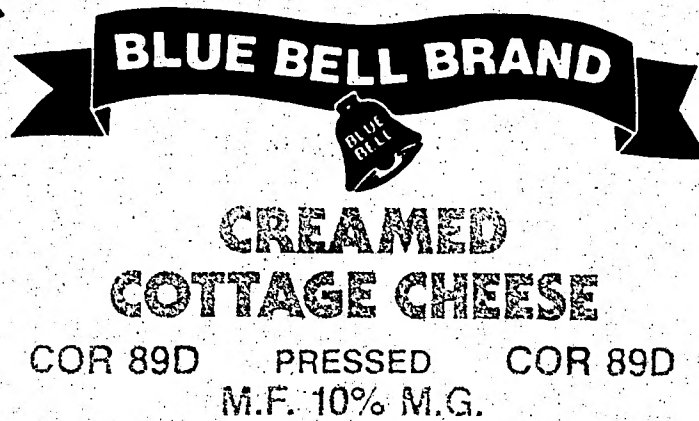
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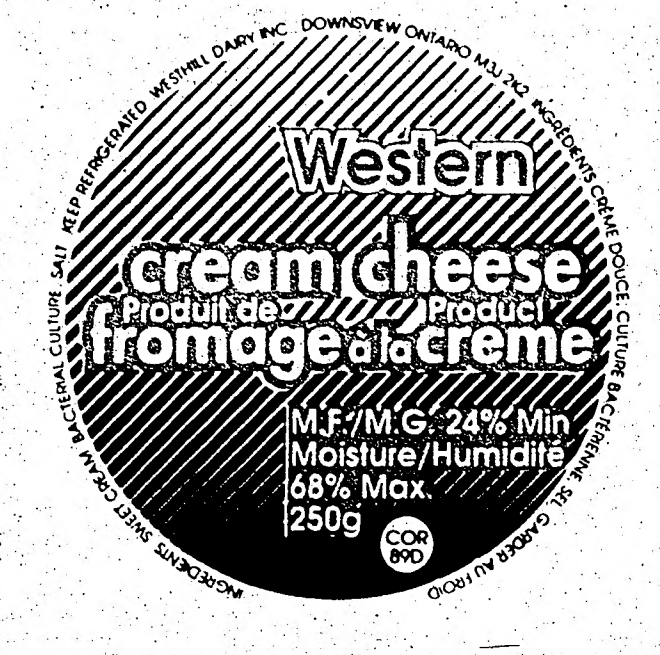
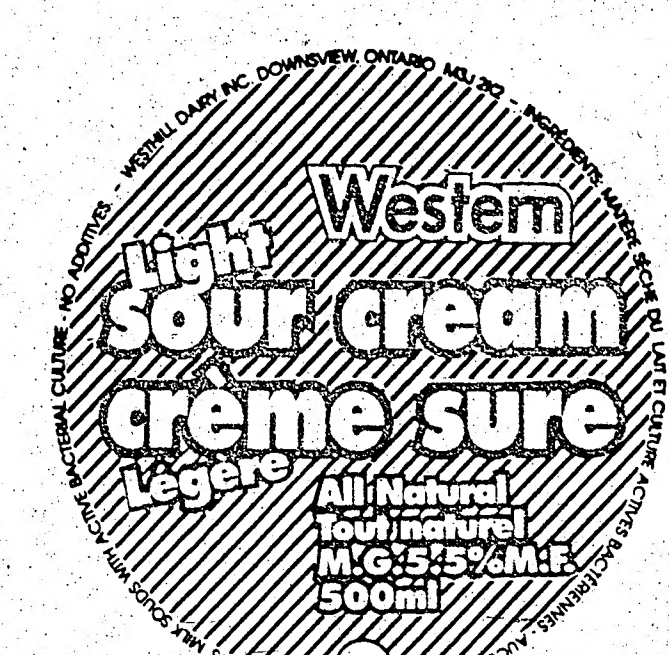
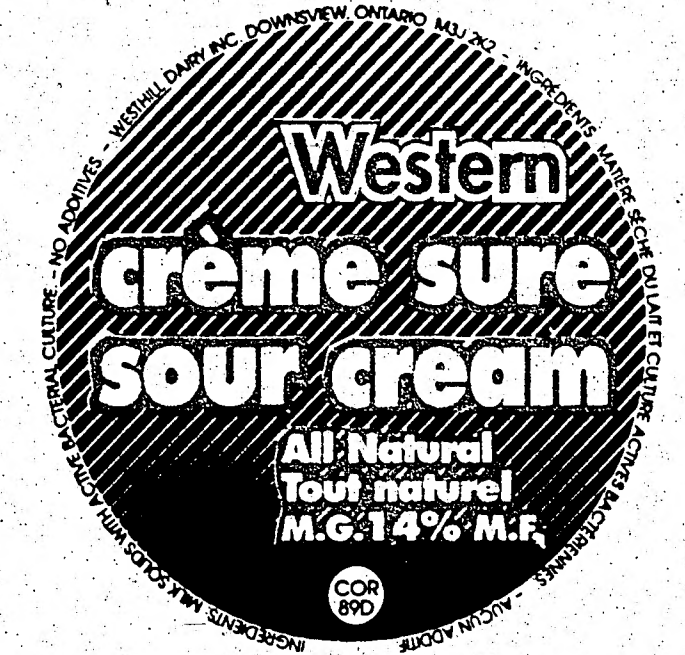
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Non-meat dishes make Pesach a vegetarian lover's delight

By
DEBRA WASSERMAN

JTA —

A growing number of Jews are following a vegetarian diet for health, ethical and ecological reasons. Others are cutting back on meat and adding vegetarian entrees to their diet. When Passover arrives, these same individuals anxiously search for vegetarian recipes that are easy to prepare, and in some cases are low in fat and cholesterol. So what vegetarian dishes can you eat during Passover?

After eliminating a number of foods that are not acceptable during Passover, such as soy products, grains and legumes (all staples of a vegetarian diet), you would think that there was nothing left to eat. This is not true. Even if you choose to eliminate dairy products and eggs also from your diet, with a little imagination you can easily make a variety of delicious Passover vegetarian dishes.

For breakfast, try preparing banana matzah meal pancakes without eggs. You can also add other fruits, such as blueberries and chopped apples to this pancake batter. Serve the pancakes with a blended fruit drink, which rivals any milkshake and is low-fat.

At lunchtime, start with eggplant caviar or mock chopped liver and raw vegetables or spread on matzah. Follow this with a hearty soup, such as cabbage-beet soup or potato soup. Complete the meal with baked apples or pears.

Dinners can be as simple or elaborate as you want them to be. On the quick and easy side, try stir-fried vegetables such as carrots, celery, cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes and onions served with baked or mashed potatoes. You may also want to add a few slivered almonds to this dish.

Stuffed cabbage

If you enjoy cooking, try sweet stuffed cabbage or layered vegetable casserole as your main dish. These can be served along with a salad and soup. For dessert, serve fruit kabobs or fruit compote.

Vegetarian foods that are high in fat and/or cholesterol and are traditionally eaten during Passover are cheese, butter, avocados, oil, margarine, nuts, whole milk, coconut, eggs and mayonnaise. These foods should be eaten in moderation. If you are trying to cut back your use of oil, saute in water.

What better way to celebrate the coming of spring than with fresh fruits and vegetables? All the recipes mentioned in this article plus many more are found in "No Cholesterol Passover Recipes," a book that is available for \$5.00 from Jewish Vegetarians of North America, P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore, MD 21203. For further information on vegetarianism, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the same address.

BANANA MATZAH MEAL PANCAKES

(makes 8 small pancakes)

3 small ripe bananas, peeled
½ cup matzah meal
¾ cup water

Mash bananas in a bowl. Add the matzah meal and water. Mix well.

Over medium heat, pour eight small pancakes into a lightly oiled

pan. Fry the pancakes for 5 minutes on one side. Flip them over and fry for another 3 minutes.

Variations: Add other fruits such as blueberries, chopped apples or raisins to the batter before frying.

BLENDED FRUIT DRINK

(serves 4)

4 cups chilled orange or other fruit juice
2 ripe bananas, peeled
1 cup chopped fruit (apples, pears, strawberries, blueberries, peaches, etc.)

Pour the juice into a blender. Add the bananas and chopped fruit. Blend at high speed for 3 minutes and serve.

Eggplant caviar

EGGPLANT CAVIAR

(serves 6)

1 large eggplant
1 clove garlic, minced
½ cup olive oil
1 green pepper, chopped
1 large onion, chopped finely
2 fresh tomatoes, chopped
2 tablespoons dry wine or vinegar
Pepper and salt to taste

Bake eggplant with skin for 1 hour at 350 degrees. While eggplant is baking, saute garlic first in oil until oil is hot. Then add the green pepper and onion. Saute until onion is soft.

Peel and chop baked eggplant. Place in a large pot. Add tomatoes and sauteed green pepper and onion mixture. Add wine and seasonings. Mix thoroughly and cook over low heat till thick. Cool in refrigerator for at least 1 hour before serving.

MOCK CHOPPED LIVER

(makes about 1 cup)

3 tbsp. oil
½ pound mushrooms, chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 cup chopped walnuts
Pepper and salt to taste
1 tablespoon water

Saute mushrooms and onions for 8 minutes. Pour into blender cup or food processor. Add walnuts, seasonings, and water. Blend until smooth.

CABBAGE-BEET SOUP

(serves 10-12)

2 cups grated beets (about 4 beets, peeled)
½ small cabbage, shredded
2 carrots, peeled and grated
¼ cup onions, chopped
¼ cup celery, chopped
3 tablespoons lemon juice
12 cups water

1 teaspoon fresh dill
¼ teaspoon paprika
Cook all the ingredients together in a large pot over low heat for 45 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

POTATO SOUP

(serves 6)

4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed into small pieces
1 cup celery, chopped
1 cup carrots, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped finely
1 teaspoon oil
½ cup parsley, finely chopped
½ green pepper, finely chopped
Pepper and paprika to taste
1 tbsp. potato starch
1 tsp. oil

Cook potatoes, carrots and celery for 5 minutes in a pot with about 3 inches of water. Fry onions in 1 teaspoon oil and add to mixture. Next, add parsley, green pepper and seasonings. Brown potato starch in

hot oil. Add some of soup mixture carefully to starch and blend. Add to soup and continue cooking over medium low heat until vegetables are tender.

SWEET STUFFED CABBAGE

(serves 6-8)

1 small cabbage, steamed
5 sweet potatoes, baked
¾ cup raisins
1 cup pineapple, chunks
2 apples, chopped
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
29-ounce can tomato sauce
1 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
Steam head of cabbage until leaves are soft. Mix together cooked sweet potatoes, raisins, pineapple, apples and cinnamon. Stuff leaves with mixture. Lay in deep baking pan. Mix tomato sauce with water and pour over cabbage so leaves remain moist. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

LAYERED VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

(serves 6)

1st layer: Pureed root vegetables
4 carrots, peeled and sliced in rounds
2 potatoes, peeled and diced
2 turnips, peeled and diced
Pepper to taste
3 cups water
Cook ingredients together until tender. Drain well. Blend or mash mixture, adding 2 tablespoons margarine.

2nd layer: Cabbage
Shred half a small head of cabbage. Cover with water in a small pan. Cook over medium heat until cabbage is soft. Drain.

3rd layer: Broccoli or cauliflower
Cook one pound of either chopped broccoli or cauliflower in water until soft, and drain.

4th layer: Potato croutons
Cube two large potatoes into small pieces. Cube in margarine until covered on all sides. Season with garlic powder, paprika, pepper and salt. Spread on a cookie sheet and bake at 300 degrees for 10 minutes, turning occasionally as potatoes begin to brown.

In a deep casserole dish, spread in this order: puree, cabbage, broccoli or cauliflower, and then croutons. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until heated through. Serve hot.

Fruit kabobs

FRUIT KABOBS

(serve 8)

2 apples, chopped
2 pears, chopped
2 bananas, peeled and chopped
¼ pineapple, chopped
1 cup seedless grapes or fresh strawberries
Place the fruit on 8 skewers alternating fruits and serve.

FRUIT COMPOTE

(serves 6)

2 cups dried peaches or other fruit, cut in half
2 cups whole pitted dried prunes
2 cups dried apricots
1 cup raisins
2 tbsp. cinnamon
4 whole cloves (optional)
4 cups apple juice
Simmer above ingredients in a large pot for one hour. serve hot or chilled.

Passover Foods

Mouth-watering cholent found at Passover

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Few foods conjure up the ambience of the term "cholent."

Redolent with beans, browned potatoes, barley, meat that is practically falling off the bone, all nestling in a thick, rich broth — that's the stuff Shabbat dreams (and naps) are made of.

Kay Kantor Pomerantz has produced a delightful new cookbook *Come for Cholent: the Jewish stew cookbook*, that is sure to send even the uninitiated reader off to his or her crockpot.

Pomerantz begins with the origins of cholent as a hot meal that satisfies the religious injunction against cooking on Shabbat. Cholent, she explains, is started on Friday afternoon and left to simmer until Saturday lunch.

Another very helpful chapter gives tips on cooking cholent.

She does not stick to the usual beans, barley, potato, and meat recipes, although there are plenty of those. (Try the red cholent recipe, with the different filip of baked beans — spectacular.)

Instead, you will find recipes from other countries (Are you really surprised that Irish cholent is made with lamb and Egyptian with bulgar?), vegetarian, and regional American. She even includes ones with chocolate (yes, chocolate) and salsa.

Come for Cholent is published by Bloch Publishing Company, and is available in Jewish books stores.

This is all very well (O.K., it's terrific) but what does one do on Pesach, when beans and barley, two of the essential ingredients of cholent, are not allowed.

Although there are no Pesach cholents as such, several recipes are acceptable on the holiday.

The following are reprinted with permission of the author.

Cholent With Wine And Olives

- 4 onions, diced
- 1 large celery root, diced
- 3 parsnip roots, diced
- 1 1/2 lb. carrots, diced
- 4 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 T. chopped parsley
- 1 T. chopped dill
- 3 lbs. beef chuck
- 1/2 lb. black olives
- 4 large tomatoes
- smoked sausage, thinly sliced (optional)
- salt & pepper (to taste)
- water to cover

Fry the onion, celery root, parsnips, and carrots in the oil for a few minutes. Add the wine, salt, pepper, garlic, and herbs. Simmer for a few minutes. Cool and pour over the meat to marinate. (Some cooks marinate overnight, but an hour in advance works nicely.) Add remaining ingredients and cook. If you wish, the olives and smoked sausage may be added as a garnish when serving.

Green Cholent

- 4 lbs. pot roast
- 1 can tomato slices
- 1 large white onion, sliced
- 6 small red potatoes, peeled
- 4 tbsp. dried or fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp. cilantro (coriander)
- 1/2 cup green peppers
- 1/2 cup green zucchini
- salt & pepper (to taste)
- water to cover

Place meat, vegetables and potatoes in large pot. Add seasonings, parsley, cilantro and water. Cover and place in oven. Additional fresh parsley may be added when serving.

Fruited Cholent

This is a favorite version from Central and Eastern Europe.

- 2 lbs. brisket
- 1 lb. yellow turnips
- and carrots
- 1 lb. potatoes
- juice of 1 lemon
- 1 lb. prunes
- salt & pepper (to taste)
- 5 T. honey
- water

In a heavy saucepan, arrange the meat with the turnips, potatoes and prunes. Mix together the salt, pepper, honey and lemon juice and add to meat mixture. Add sufficient water to cover the meat and vegetables. Cover, bring to a boil and then cook over low heat several hours and let it remain to simmer over Shabbat.

You may substitute sweet potatoes for turnips, dried apricots for prunes, and sugar for honey. All three or any one or two will produce delightful results.

Variety of kosher wines available

By
CHERYL KUPFER

This Passover, members of Toronto's Jewish community can not only dine like royalty, but "wine" like kings as well.

This year there is a wide selection of kosher for Passover wines, brandies and liqueurs to choose from that will satisfy everyone's taste buds. The kosher wine dealers and the LCBO have introduced some new products and brought back several old favorites.

New for this year is Manischewitz Cream Peach Wine, Teal Lake Cellars Pinot Noir 1990, a dry red wine, J. Furst California Chardonnay White or Red Wine, Kesser 1990, and the 86 percent proof Kosher Hungarian Apricot Brandy.

Making a much welcomed appearance af-

ter a long absence is Amadeus Kosher Peach Liqueur. Other Amadeus liqueurs being sold are in Amaretto Almond, Triple Sec Curacao Orange and the Abeti Liqueur. Back again is the Vin D'Alsace Pinot Blanc, a dry, low acidic French white wine that goes with just about everything.

Also in stock is Kasher Blush Rose Wine, Sabra Liqueur, Carmel Triple Seven and Beaujolais Viallages Red Wine, a fruity tasting but lightly sweet-tasting wine.

For hosts and guests who want to drink their "4 cups" during the Seder nights, but do not want to be, "in their cups," Neil Grafstein of Grafstein Wines recommends the Tirosh Light Concord, a low alcohol (8 percent as opposed to 12 percent) lightly sweet red wine.

For children, or Seder participants who cannot drink a lot of wine, Grafstein suggests using Elias Benyamina Organic Grape Juice

from Israel, or the Hebron Muscat Grape Juice.

For communal seders and for synagogue use, Grafstein offers a new and exciting light sweet red wine, Hebron Chateau Hayek, a popular, top of the line sacramental wine.

Throughout the holiday festivities, families and friends can celebrate with Kedem White Champagne and Vodka in addition to Kedem's Cream White and Cream Red wines and with old dependable standbys such as Bartenura and Hungarian Slivovitz.

For those who like variety, wines and vintages such as Baron Rothschild Haute Medoc '87, Baron Herzog California Chenin Blanc, White Zinfandel, Chardonnay, and White Gamay are also available for the holiday, as is the Gamla Cabernet Sauvignon, Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc and Semi Dry White Wine.

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New kosher wines arrive from Golan Heights



Paul Lungen (right) and Toronto Star wine critic Tony Aspler, hoist a glass of Golan wine.

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

According to the Haggadah, participants at each Passover seder are supposed to drink four glasses of wine — a daunting prospect when the sugar levels of kosher sacramental wines register a whopping 20 on the Richter sweetness scale.

The San Francisco earthquake is rumored to have been started by the shakes induced by the mass consumption of ultra-sweet wine.

For many people, their concept of kosher wines was formed by the sugar shock induced by wines associated with Passover, but that is certainly not the case any more, says Cindy Charkow.

Charkow is managing director of Elvinco International Ontario Ltd., importers of a line of Israeli kosher wines that have won international awards for excellence.

This year, Elvinco is making available seven wines from the Golan Heights, four reds and three whites, under the Yarden and Golan labels, respectively.

"The wines are quite exceptional, and not just for Passover," Charkow says. "They are the finest-produced kosher wines in the world and will challenge any European wines in the same category."

Charkow said that although the Golan Heights wine industry was established only in 1983, by 1987 the Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon had earned the Winiarsky Trophy at the International Wine and Spirits Competition in London for the best wine of the year, eclipsing 2,000 competitors.

The award, the first of many, may mark the coming of age of the Golan-based wine industry, the point at which Israeli-produced wines joined the major leagues of the wine industry.

At Bordeaux Vinexpo in 1989, Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon was awarded the chairman's trophy. Two years later at the 1991 Vinexpo, Golan Heights Winery received five awards: the 1987 Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon, 1988 Yarden Merlot and 1990 Yarden Chardonnay all received gold medals; the 1990 Yarden Sauvignon Blanc received a silver medal; and the 1990 Yarden Port Blanc garnered a bronze. The 1988 Yarden Merlot also received the chairman's trophy.

Charkow says the awards clearly indicate the wines are comparable to quality European wines. As a result, Elvinco is not limiting itself to the Jewish market, let alone the Passover one.

She believes that the wines will be readily adopted in the general population. "I'm trying to build them into a household name," she says.

The wines already sell well in Europe and with prices ranging from \$9.70 to \$17.70, are competitive in Ontario as well.

They are available in about 10 Toronto-area LCBO stores, including all stores carrying vintage wines, as well as in Quebec. Some of the wines are also available in British Columbia.

The grapes that form the backbone of the Golan wine industry were introduced into the area from California once it was determined that the climate and soil were comparable to the American host.

When the industry kicked off nine years ago, production was limited to 3,000 cases, 90 percent of which went to export.

By 1991, the Golan produced 130,000 cases, of which 33 percent went overseas.

Now available in Ontario under the Yarden label are: 1990 Chardonnay; 1988 Merlot; 1987 Cabernet Sauvignon; 1990 Mount Hermon Red. The whites that are available include: 1990 Golan Blanc; 1990 Golan Village; and the 1990 Sauvignon Blanc.



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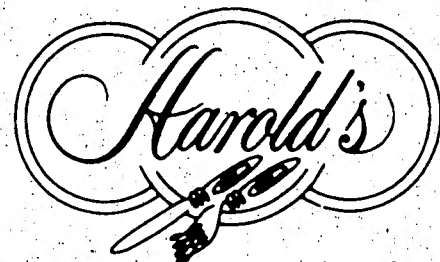
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Kashering step by step

While the thought of kashering the kitchen for Pesach seems overwhelming, it is not really so daunting if you approach it step by step.

The rules given here are general: when in any doubt, call your rabbi.

Any surface used only for cold chometz, like refrigerator or pantry shelves, needs only a thorough washing and rinsing. Cover the pantry shelves with shelf paper.

Surfaces used for hot chometz, such as countertops, highchairs, and stovetops, must also be covered with a non-absorbent material, such as contact paper, oil cloth, aluminum foil, or, if you are lucky enough to have one, a pre-cut, storable cover.

An electrical range should be turned on long enough to heat the element to a red-hot glow; a gas or electric oven set on broil and allowed to heat for one hour.

Self-cleaning ovens should be set to the cleaning cycle so that cleaning and kashering will be done automatically.

Microwave ovens can be kashered easily for Pesach. Clean the oven well. Fill with water a clean container that was not used for 24 hours. Place in microwave and turn it on to full power, letting it steam heavily. Turn it off and wipe out the inside.

To use the microwave during Pesach, use a new glass or microwave-safe turntable, or a piece of styrofoam or thick cardboard as a separation between the bottom of the oven and the cooking dish. Make sure the food is well covered.

Kasher a stainless steel sink by pouring boiling water over the entire surface (including the taps) after it has sat unused for 24 hours.

Table linens and towels need only be washed normally. Mixers, and the motors of food processors and blenders can be used, but ask a rabbi for precise instructions as to kashering them.

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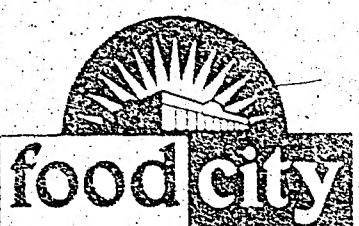
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Cookbook combines Ashkenazi, Sephardi traditions

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Cookbooks that combine the best of Ashkenazi and Sephardi food traditions are not the norm in Jewish cookbooks. Nevertheless, that is exactly what food writer Faye Levy has produced, in her *Faye Levy's International Jewish Cookbook* (Warner Books, New York, 1991).

Chicken soup with kreplach and Moroccan potato casserole, zucchini stuffed with lamb and beet salad with apples — the opportunity of creating a thoroughly multi-cultural Jewish meal is no end inviting.

The book is sprinkled with lush color plates, and the recipes interspersed with historical notes on holidays, food customs and variations on basic ingredients and techniques.

A nice touch is suggested menus, divided ethnically, by holiday, by where the recipe might be used.

Enjoy part of Levy's Parisian Passover Menu, reprinted by permission of the publisher.

Cold Salmon Steaks With Herb Sauce

8 small salmon steaks, about 1 inch thick (about 2 pounds)
1 tbsp. minced shallot (about 1 medium shallot)
½ cup dry white wine
2 sprigs fresh thyme, or ½ teaspoon dried
1 bay leaf
salt and freshly ground pepper

Herb Sauce

20 spinach leaves, stems removed, leaves rinsed well
½ cup watercress leaves
¼ cup small parsley springs
2 tbsp. tarragon leaves (optional)
1 cup mayonnaise
salt and pepper
2 to 3 tbsp. warm water (optional)
lettuce leaves, for serving

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Remove any scales from fish steaks. Generously grease a 10-cup oval gratin dish or other heavy shallow baking dish with soft margarine. Cut an oval piece of parchment paper to size of dish and grease paper. Sprinkle base of dish with chopped shallot. Arrange fish pieces in dish in one layer. Pour wine over them and add thyme and bay leaf. Sprinkle fish lightly with salt and pepper. Set greased paper directly on fish.

Bake fish for 12 minutes. To check if done, insert a cake tester or thin skewer into thickest part of fish for about 5 seconds and touch tester to underside of your wrist; it should be hot to touch. If fish is not quite done, bake another 2 minutes and test again.

Roast Lamb With Garlic, Onions And Potatoes

To facilitate the preparation of this succulent dish, a favorite of Jews in southern France, ask the butcher to trim the fat and skin from the lamb, and then to bone it, roll it, and tie it.

8 garlic cloves
5½-pound lamb shoulder, boned and

tied in a rolled roast (about 3½ pounds after boning), bones reserved if possible

salt and pepper
8 medium baking potatoes
2 medium onions, sliced
¾ cup water
1 large tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Cut 12 very thin lengthwise slivers from garlic; chop remaining garlic. Pierce lamb with point of a sharp knife. With aid of knife, hold a slit open and insert a garlic sliver. Repeat with remaining garlic slivers, spacing them fairly evenly. Sprinkle lamb with salt and pepper. Put lamb bones in centre of a large roasting pan and set roast on top of them; or set it on a rack.

Peel and quarter potatoes and put in pan around meat.

Sprinkle potatoes with remaining chopped garlic, salt and pepper. Add sliced onions and water to pan.

Cover and bake 1 hour. Uncover and stir potatoes gently. Bake 30 minutes. Add tomato to pan juices and stir. Roast lamb until it is very tender and an instant-read or meat thermometer registers 150 degrees F for medium or 160 degrees F for well done, about 1 hour and 10 to 15 minutes; during roasting, baste lamb and potatoes occasionally, turn potatoes once or twice, and add a few tablespoons water to pan if it becomes dry.

Let meat rest on a board 10 to 15 minutes before carving. Meanwhile,

spoon pan juices over potatoes and keep them warm in low oven. If bones are meaty, cut meat from bones. Remove strings from meat. Carve lamb into ½-inch slices, using a very sharp large knife. With a small knife, remove excess fat from slices.

Sprinkle potatoes and lamb with parsley and served hot. Season pan juices to taste with salt and pepper; serve separately.

Makes 8 servings.

Alsatian Almond-Raisin Matzo Kugel

The province of Alsace in eastern France has long been the home of a large Ashkenazi Jewish community and also happens to be one of the best regions of France for desserts, such as this unusually light matzah kugel, with crunchy chopped almonds, dark raisins, and a cinnamon-brandy glaze.

6 matzahs
½ cup dark raisins
½ cup whole almonds
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
5 large eggs, separated
pinch of salt
1¼ tsp. ground cinnamon

Glaze

¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons brandy, plus 1 teaspoon if needed
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Grease a 9-inch square baking dish with margarine. Break matzahs in small pieces and put in a bowl. Cover with hot water and let stand for 2

minutes. Put in a strainer and squeeze out as much water as possible. Put in a large bowl. Cover raisins with hot water. Let stand 5 minutes and drain.

Grind almonds in a food processor with 2 tablespoons sugar until fine. Add to bowl of matzah, then stir in egg yolks, salt, cinnamon, raisins, and 4 tablespoons sugar.

Beat egg whites until just stiff. Add remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and beat at high speed another ½ minute or until glossy. Gently fold egg whites, in 4 portions, into matzo mixture.

Spoon mixture into greased dish. Bake in preheated oven about 25 minutes or until firm.

Meanwhile prepare glaze: combine sugar, 2 tablespoons brandy, and cinnamon in small bowl and stir until well blended. If mixture is too thick to pour, add an additional teaspoon brandy.

When kugel is done, remove from oven and spoon glaze over top. Brush glaze gently over cake. Cut in squares and serve hot or warm.

Makes about 8 servings.

Remove fish carefully to platter with 2 wide slotted spatulas. Cool to room temperature.

To make sauce, plunge spinach and watercress into a medium saucepan with boiling water. Return to a boil and drain. Rinse under cold water and drain thoroughly. Squeeze to remove excess liquid.

Puree the spinach, watercress, parsley, and tarragon in a food processor

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Since the chometz has been cleaned away, bits of bread are placed strategically around the house.

The head of the house, followed by the whole family, goes from room to room brushing any chometz he or she finds into a container with a feather, if possible. (Be sure that someone counts how many pieces were hidden, and checks that they are all found!) The way is lit by a candle, enabling one to search in all the corners of the room.

Any chometz is gathered together and, together with the feather, candle and container, if that is flammable, is burned the following morning.

Blessings said for the search are found in the haggadah.

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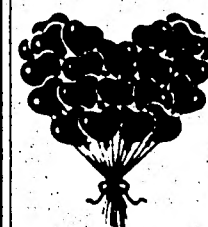
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An Israeli chicken farmer has developed a method to decrease chicken mortality and increase egg production.

Israeli farmer helps improve quantity of chicken's eggs

JERUSALEM —

Haim Ginat, a chicken farmer living in a village in Israel's lush Sharon Valley, saw that something was wrong. Following a heat wave, a number of the chickens in his coop died. After a cold wave, his egg layers produced fewer eggs than usual.

That troubled him. After three years of research he not only got to the root of the trouble, but he managed to invent a highly successful contraption which remedied the situation.

A visit to his farm found Ginat eager to speak about his invention, which he patented in Israel over a year ago, and which he believes can be a boon not only to chickens, but also to sheep and cows, as well. Ginat owns 4,000 egg-laying and 20,000 meat-producing chickens.

"A common problems faced by poultry farmers is the necessity to control the ambient temperature within a comfortable range. Otherwise the poultry — who, unlike mammals, do not perspire — are inclined to change their eating and drinking habits," Ginat explained.

"A chicken has a normal body temperature of 39.0 degrees C. It cools itself by drinking water. In fact, its water consumption is three times

more than its food consumption. In order to produce a good eggshell, a chicken has to eat four grams of calcium and drink enough water to break down the food. And if it drinks enough water, it will consume less food."

Maintains water temperature

"Chickens consume most of their food and drink toward the end of the day. When the water was too warm and the chickens had not drunk much, I found that several of them died during the night. Even if the shed is air-conditioned — a fairly costly affair which uses a great deal of energy — the water still remains warm, so that is not the solution."

Ginat's innovative idea to reduce chicken mortality and increase egg production appears simple: a drinking water supply installation for poultry sheds which keeps water temperature at an optimal 20-25 degrees

C all year round. His invention is a device designed for maintenance-free, low-cost, gravity-induced flow operation.

The figures speak for themselves. In a recent comparative experiment on 1,280 chickens conducted at Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon under the auspices of the Poultry Division of the Israel Ministry of Agriculture, the following results were obtained: For chickens drinking normal water, the annual number of eggs per chicken was 273.9. Chickens given cooled water produced an annual 302.3. The average weight of an egg in the first group was 62.6 grams, while an egg from the second group weighed in at 64.3 grams. The percent of broken (non-saleable) eggs from the control group was 8.6, while from those drinking water, it was reduced to 4.8. As for the number of egg-laying days, those drinking normal water had 77.2, and those drinking cooled water, 85.2.

Above all, the mortality rate had a most dramatic drop in the cooled water group: from 11.9 percent for the control group to only 2.6 percent in the cooled water group. The initiative, keen observation, and inventiveness of Haim Ginat really paid off. (Jerusalem Dateline Agriculture)

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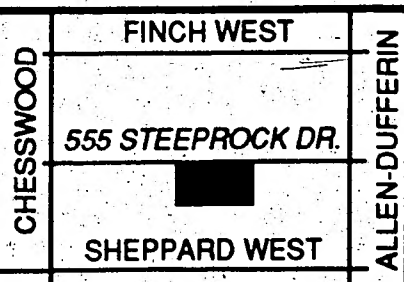
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EXPLAINING PESACH

A Shaare Zedek Medical Centre nurse explains Pesach to a young patient.

Cookbook combines food traditions

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until smooth. If necessary, add 2 or 3 tablespoons of mayonnaise to help make a smoother puree. Add remaining mayonnaise and process until smooth. Taste, then add salt and pepper if needed. If sauce is very thick, beat in warm water 1 tablespoon at a time until it is just thin enough to be poured. (Saute can be kept, covered, for 1 day in refrigerator.)

Serve cold, or at cool room temperature.

Remove skin from fish by scraping with paring knife and pulling it with your fingers. Serve salmon steaks on lettuce leaves, accompanying each serving with a spoonful of sauce. Serve any remaining sauce separately. Makes 8 servings.

Zucchini Casserole With Dill

A Sephardi-style kugel, or baked vegetable casserole, this makes a nice accompaniment for roast lamb or chicken.

2 pounds medium zucchini
1 large onion
5 large eggs
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons snipped fresh dill
½ cup matzah meal
4 tbsp. olive oil
salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Grate zucchini and onion on large holes of grater. Put both in a strainer and squeeze firmly to remove excess liquid. Transfer zucchini and onion to a bowl. Add eggs, parsley, dill, matzah meal, and 1 tablespoon oil. Season quite generously with salt and pepper so mixture will not be bland. Mix well.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a shallow 8-inch square baking dish in oven for 3 to 4 minutes. Add zucchini mixture to hot dish. Sprinkle with remaining oil. Bake 50 minutes to 1 hour or until set. Let stand about 5 minutes before serving. Serve hot.

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While the fine flavor of manna remains unquestioned, many devoted their thoughts to the issues of just what it was and where it came from. Rashi and other Jewish commentators observe that, while manna was not true bread, it settled to the ground shortly after the first dew had fallen and then was covered again with a second coating of dew. In Exodus we learn that it was "white and sweet, looked like coriander seed but tasted like wafers made with honey."

Later, in Numbers, we find that it could be "ground, pounded like meal, boiled, and made into cakes." From other biblical writings we also know that it had the appearance of bedelium (a gum resin, similar to myrrh obtained from various trees) and that when cooked it had the taste of a cake baked with oil.

Unknown substance

Some etymologists suggest that the Israelites, puzzled over the mysterious substance, called it *man*, the name of a sweet with which they had become familiar in Egypt. Even today this sticky, honey-like juice is exuded in heavy drops during the months of May and June by certain shrubs found in Sinai.

Other commentaries note that, while this may account for the naming of the miraculous provender, it cannot account for the feeding of so many people, for *man* is found only

in minuscule quantities.

Still others suggest that the name reflects the confusion of the people who could not identify the substance, and comes from *man-nah*, a word combining a Hebrew root with an Egyptian stem and meaning "what is this?"

As early as the fourth century, scholars and monks from Saint Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai held that manna originated from secretions of the scale insects that made their homes on the tamarisk shrubs common in the Sinai. Modern scientists concur with this was a possibility, and speculate that a massive swarm of *Trabutina mannipara* had invaded the Sinai during this time, thus allowing large quantities of their secretions to be "harvested" each morning.

Although gathering manna was not a difficult task for the Israelites, modern men are sometimes confused by the fact that each member of the family was expected to harvest and consume an omer of manna each day. Those interested will be pleased to know that an omer is "the tenth part of an ephah." In more modern terms, that comes to about two litres. (Jerusalem Dateline Holy land)



Could this be manna?

Pesach an exciting time for Jews in Peterborough

By
SOPHIE ROGERS

How lucky we have been to have a very conscientious Israeli teacher, Yossi Peretz, who resides in Toronto, come up to Peterborough for a precious two hours every Sunday afternoon to teach Hebrew to a dozen or so children, and acquaint them with holiday customs and songs.

There was so much to talk about — the coming Passover, the many songs to learn, beginning with Ma Nishtana, and the significance of the Seder depicting the plight of the Jews coming from slavery to freedom. A never ending story.

Our Israeli teacher is able to combine two such Sunday School programs in one day. He drives to Belleville for a morning session, and then to Peterborough in the afternoon. It was his idea to combine both classes for a children's seder.

And so one Sunday last year, the Peterborough class drove out to Belleville. What a lovely synagogue. We were warmly greeted by mem-

bers and children, who had prepared a most festive table of goodies. The children took turns reading Haggadah passages, joining in the singing, followed by marching to Avadim Hayinu and circle dancing to Hava Nagilah.

Now, here I have to tell you about our own Peterborough Community Seder. One of our parents, Jack Rawek, whose children attend our Sunday School, is a yeshiva scholar from Czechoslovakia, and is very creative artistically. He is very much involved in our Sunday School program. He inspires the children to make drawings relating to various holidays. And that was how our own Peterborough Haggadah was born.

An abbreviated service, with pictures the children made. It was most impressive seeing the children's versions of Moses being found among the bullrushes, the parting of the water, the numerous plagues and a cruel Pharaoh. All in all, a Haggadah which will be used for many years to come.

There were about thirty of us, adults and children, community

members as well as visitors who were most happy to attend our seder. Passover food was brought up from Toronto. Both men and women helped set tables, a Haggadah at each place setting, and a copy of "The Fifth Question." A most meaningful question, "why is this Passover different from all others?" We then read together, "because this Passover a modern day exodus continues." Guests took turns reading Haggadah passages and joined in the singing. Again the children led off with marching and circle dancing to Mayim Mayim.

It all brought back memories, attending seders at my grandfather's house. He was Isaac Serotsky, a.h., the cantor of the Maria Street Shul in Toronto. Little did I then realize the richness of that experience. Hopefully, these children here, will remember a seder in Peterborough.

(Mrs. Rogers is a pianist, living in Peterborough, who participates in the Sunday School program, playing accompaniments for the singing and dancing.)

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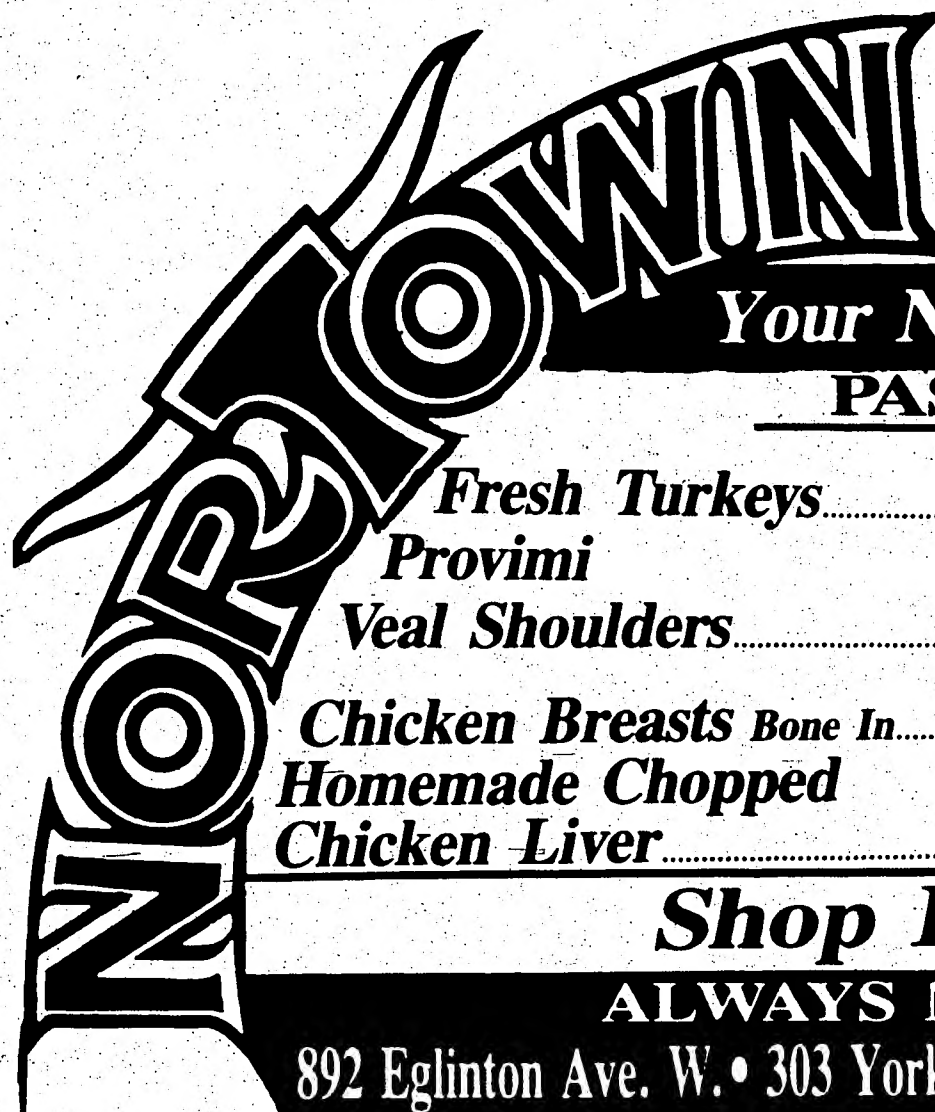
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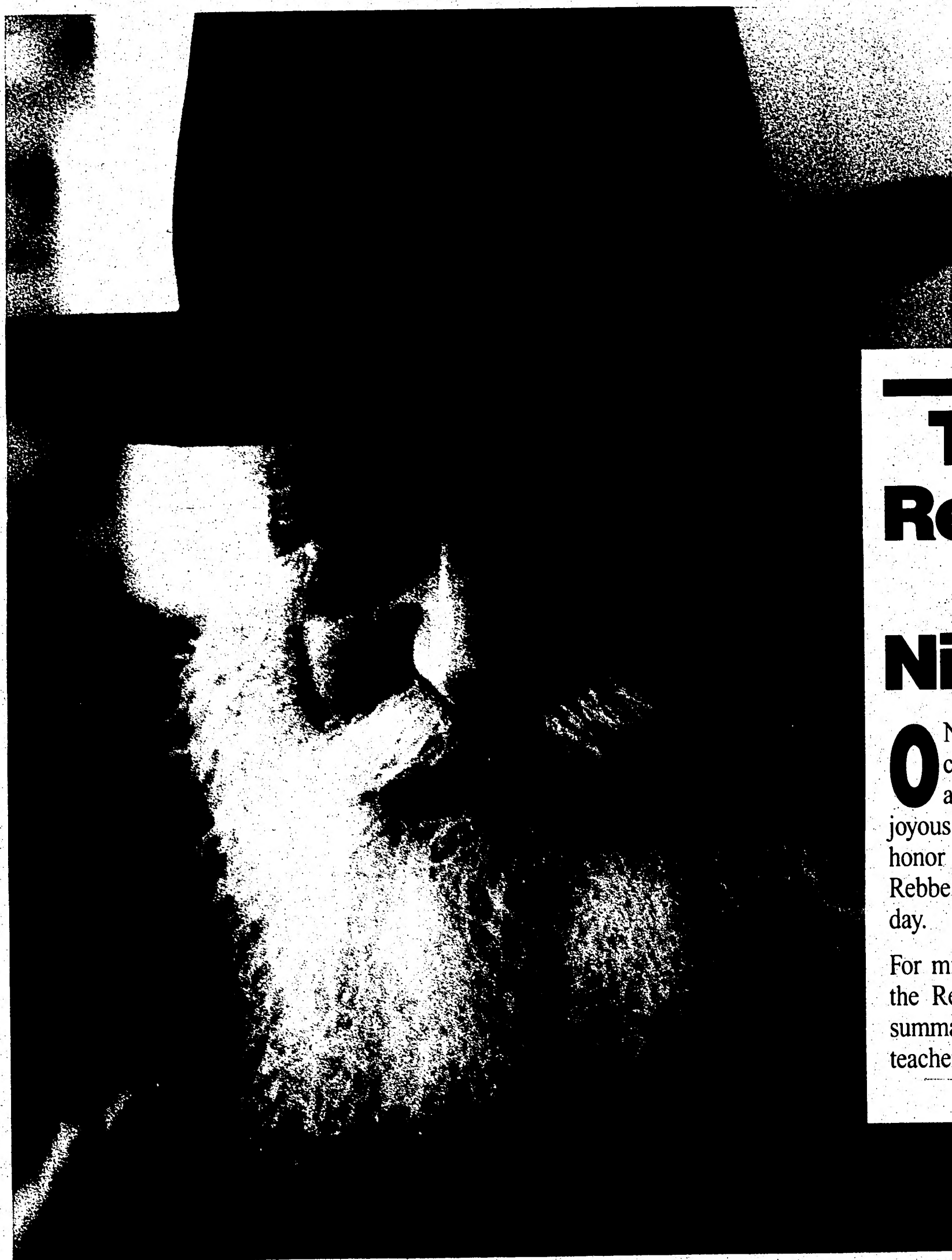
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The Rebbe at Ninety

ON APRIL 14, IN communities around the world, joyous celebrations will honor the Lubavitcher Rebbe on his 90th birthday.

For millions of people, the Rebbe is the consummate leader, guide, teacher and mentor.

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The Rebbe at Ninety

They come from all over the world. Literally. Hundreds. Thousands. They come, each with a personal entreaty. Some ask the Rebbe's prayers for health, others for children. Some come to solicit advice on private matters, others on political issues. Most are Jewish, some are not.

Speaking a melange of languages, men, women and children converge here, waiting in lines, sometimes for several hours. Each will then have a few seconds, or, if the occasion warrants, maybe a minute. Yet each will sense that for the brevity of those moments, the Rebbe has tuned into the sum and substance of their being. In a matter of seconds, a visitor will have felt the Rebbe's penetrating eyes, heard his response to their request, and received his blessing and a freshly printed dollar bill to be given to charity. But the experience will endure long beyond the fleeting seconds: like prisms of light, every syllable of the Rebbe's words will be rethought and reconsidered, extracting all the meaning and fortitude they contain. Most people cherish the dollar as a keepsake and give its equivalent to charity.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on Nissan 11 (April 14), stands every Sunday, for the better part of the day, to receive thousands of people at the Lubavitch World Headquarters, in Brooklyn.

To those unacquainted with the Rebbe and his ways, this custom is intriguing. To Lubavitch Chassidim, it is — as the mitzvah campaigns that came before it — another part of the puzzle which the Rebbe has been piecing together since 1950.

The Rebbe's birthday will be celebrated among Chassidim and much of world Jewry. His leadership, which began 42 years ago, marked the beginning of a metamorphosis, one that would dramatically alter the face and form of Jewish life in a way that few might have envisioned then.

In 1950, the odds were stacked against the survival of Jewish life in America. Most American Jews, hardly conscious of their Jewish identity, were quickly assimilating into mainstream American culture. European Jews settling here in the hopes of finding a better life,

many still broken in spirit from the horrors of the holocaust, left much of their Judaism behind. The prognosis for Judaism in America was a grim one indeed.

In retrospect, the Rebbe's foresight is stunning. It took four decades for the Rebbe's innovations to unfold as deliberate steps to a great Jewish revival. Forty years later, with a labyrinth of educational programs that have reversed the pattern of Jewish alienation and made the case for the viability of Judaism in a contemporary world, can those who doubted the Rebbe's approach, realize its impact.

In a way, the Rebbe's approach to Jewish outreach dates back to his ancestors. Seventh in the dynasty of Lubavitcher leaders, the Rebbe's philosophy is consistent with the ideology of the Chabad-Lubavitch founder, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi. Rabbi Schneur Zalman, the author of the *Shulchan Aruch* and the *Tanya*—the basic work of Chabad philosophy, and a disciple of the Baal Shem Tov and Maggid of Mezeritch, brought Torah esoterics out of its exclusionary realm and made it accessible to Jews at large. Jewish education, intellectual pursuit of Torah, believed Rabbi Schneur Zalman, must be a part of all Jewish observance. And as anyone mindful of the Rebbe's objectives during the course of the last 42 years has observed, most critical has been the establishment of Jewish educational programs and institutions. It is in recognition of the Rebbe's unparalleled dedication to promoting education, that the United States Congress designates the Rebbe's birthday as Education Day U.S.A. every year.

Himself steeped in Torah and centuries of Jewish scholarship, the Rebbe hails from a family of brilliant minds. The Rebbe was born on Nissan 11, 1902, in Nikolaev, Russia to Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Schneerson, a renowned kabbalist and Torah scholar, and Rebbetzin Chana, an exceptionally gifted woman from a prestigious family of Rabbis and scholars.

Recognized by his teachers as a child prodigy, the Rebbe outgrew formal *cheder* in his early childhood, whereupon he was tutored privately—ultimately by his father. The Rebbe later studied at the University of Berlin, and then at the Sorbonne in Paris, where his

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formidable knowledge in mathematics and the sciences was first recognized.

The Rebbe has always been a prolific writer. His earliest extant manuscripts dating from 1924, are a collection of letters to Torah giants many years his senior. They contain a responsa on halachic and esoteric topics. More than 200 volumes of his talks, writings, correspondence and responsa have been published to date.

Many of these published works are based on the lengthy talks the Rebbe has delivered during his *farbrengens* over the years. These farbrengens, held regularly on Shabbat and holidays, are Chassidic gatherings with the Rebbe, when he speaks for several hours pausing only for brief intervals of *L'chayim!* and vibrant singing of Chassidic melodies. During these farbrengens, the Rebbe talks about various Torah concepts from the Talmud, Jewish law and Chassidic philosophy, intricately weaving themes and, ultimately, discerning and illuminating the practical, meaningful and immediate relevance.

Communicating to audiences of thousands at these farbrengens, (those that are held during weekdays are televised nationwide and abroad via satellite) the Rebbe is very much a public figure.

Yet his personality eludes even the most articulate. For on the one hand, there is an aura of holiness, of saintliness and something otherworldly about the Rebbe. And yet his approach is so very down-to-earth.

Visitors to the Lubavitch community generally wonder at the incredible attention Chassidim give to every detail about the Rebbe — details otherwise insignificant. Nothing about the Rebbe, whether it be the way he smiles at a child, the number of seconds or minutes he speaks to someone or the subtlest nuances in his speech, goes unnoticed. This scrutiny is not without good reason. For the Rebbe's extraordinary being confounds. His schedule would fatigue anyone sixty years his junior. In forty two years, the Rebbe has not taken a vacation once. His gait is always brisk, his eyes squarely focused. These gleanings, of course, confound even more.

Closest to the Rebbe, and probably to understanding his enigmatic personality, has been his wife of 59 years, the late Rebbetzin Chaya Moussia.

The Rebbetzin, the daughter of the preceding Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, was married to the Rebbe in 1929, in Warsaw. In 1941, the Rebbetzin emigrated with the Rebbe from France to the U.S. where her father had arrived a year earlier.

Discreet, quick-witted yet sensitive, the Rebbetzin, herself the daughter of a Rebbe, knew well the sacrifices to be made on her part, as wife of the Rebbe. Asked shortly before her passing about certain belongings, presumably her father's, she said "He belonged to the community as did everything he had." It was in this self-effacing spirit that the Rebbetzin gave of her life to support the work of her husband, the Rebbe. Her passing at the age of 87, in February 1988, was marked among Jews worldwide who grieved and shared the Rebbe's grief.

An observation often made about the Rebbe is the striking harmony between mind and action — there is no dichotomy between intellect and behavior in the Rebbe's personality. Knowledge, insists the Rebbe, must necessarily influence a particular course of action. Hence the stress on education, the multifarious Chabad-Lubavitch institutions, projects and activities that span the globe, to educate Jews across the entire spectrum.

The Rebbe's deep rooted sensitivity to moral, spiritual and ethical ideals, has made him especially attuned to the prevalent deficiency of these values in society. Clearly the Rebbe's influence transcends the Jewish community. In recent years, the Rebbe has promulgated the Seven Laws of Noah — Torah's canon of moral law — to the non-

Jewish world, fostering a heightened sensitivity to moral standards of society at large.

With his broad vision, his deep love for every Jew and the recognition that each individual is precious, the Rebbe, the quintessence of leadership, has and continues to meet the needs of a spiritually starved world. ■



Recognition that each individual is precious; the quintessence of leadership.

Chie Nishio

The Meaning of Liberation

Passover is the festival of liberation; it celebrates an historic event: the exodus of the Jewish People from Egypt. But one of the tasks that the event urges upon us is that "in every generation, and every day, one must see himself as if he had that day been liberated from Egypt." The implication is that freedom was not won once and for all. It needs constant guarding. And that every day and every environment carries its own equivalent of 'Egypt'—a power to undermine the freedom of the Jew. Perhaps the most potent threat comes from within the individual himself. It is the conviction that certain achievements are beyond him: the strong and comfortable belief that he was not born to reach the heights of religious life. To believe this is to set bars around oneself, to imprison oneself in an illusion. Passover is thus an ongoing process of self-liberation. And the festival and its practices are symbols of a struggle that is constantly renewed within the Jew, to create the freedom in which to live out his eternal vocation.

THE DAYS OF THE FESTIVAL OF OUR FREEDOM ARE approaching, when we will again recall that great event at the dawn of our history, when our people was liberated from Egyptian bondage in order to receive the Torah as free men and women.

Memory and imagination are the ability to associate oneself with an event in the past, and in so doing to live again through the emotions that were felt at the time of the event. Only physically are we bound by time and space. In our minds we can travel without limits, and the more spiritual we become, the closer we can approach the past, the more intensely we can experience its message and inspiration.

Remembering is a spiritual achievement. Commenting on the verse, "And these days shall be remembered and done" (Esther 9, 28), the Rabbis say that as soon as those days are remembered, they are reenacted in Heaven. The Divine benevolence that brought the miracles in the past is reawakened by our act of recollection.

This is one of the reasons why we have been enjoined to remember the liberation from Egypt in every generation and every day. And why every Jew must see himself as if he had been freed from Egypt on that day. For every day he must personally "go out from Egypt," that is, he must escape from the limits, temptations and obstructions that his physical existence places in the way of his spiritual life.

The counterpart of the liberation from Egypt is the liberation of the Divine Soul from the constraints of its physical environment. And this must be experienced every day if true freedom is to be reached.

And when it is achieved, as it must be, with the help of G-d who freed our people from Egypt, and through a life of Torah and Mitzvot, a great spiritual anguish is ended. The inner conflict between what is physical and what is Divine in the Jew's nature, is transcended. And then, only then, can he enjoy real freedom, the sense of serenity and harmony which is the prelude to freedom and peace in the world at large.

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Source: Torah Studies, adapted from a letter by the Rebbe, 11th Nissan, 5713.

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The Red Brick School House Comes of Age in Paris

THE OPENING OF THE "CITE DE L'Education" Lubavitch school of Paris last September brought with it the introduction of a new concept in Jewish schools. Not only an ultra modern, fully equipped facility that will take children from cradle to canopy; a community center featuring an Olympic sized indoor swimming pool and a gymnasium; a synagogue and a party hall; a women's mikvah and men's mikvah; a commercial kitchen designed to cook for 1500, and a bakery, but Sinai-Lubavitch is all this and more, in one magnificent building.

In November 1990, when the school in Paris celebrated the completion of the first two stories of its huge, state-of-the-art building complex, it became a major media event and drew more than 15,000 visitors from all over Paris.

Although at the time only one third of the complex was completed, visitors got a good idea of the scope of the project, and rushed to register their children. At the start of the 1991 school year, when the school opened its great glass doors for the first time, close to one thousand children poured in, more than 500 of which are transported daily by the school's buses.

For Jewish education in Paris this is definitely an historic milestone. For school buildings anywhere at all, this is a model.

Occupying an entire square block in the 18th district of Paris, the building was designed as a multi-functional center for the Jewish community. "We wanted this building not only to serve as a school for our

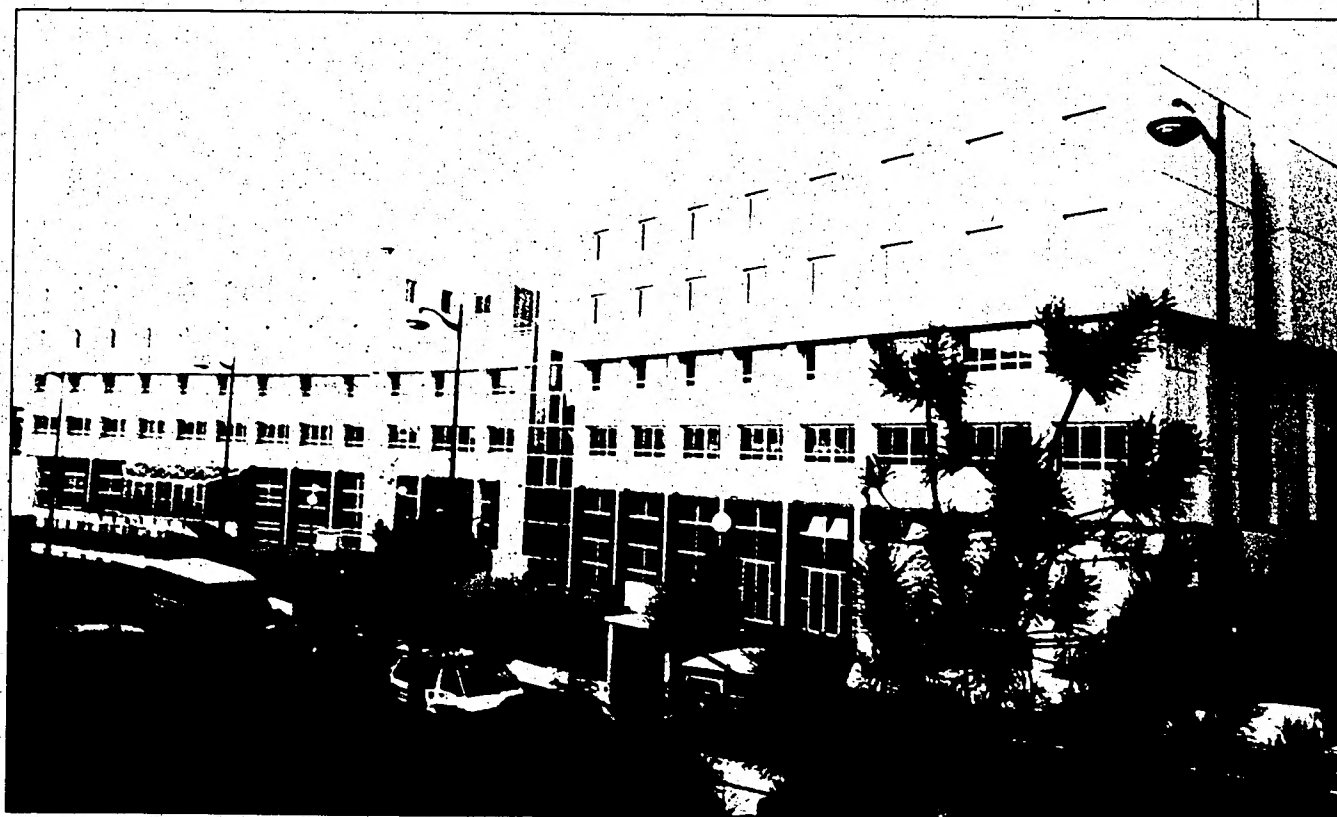
Jewish children, but as a community center for all the needs of the Jewish community," Rabbi Yosef Pewzner, the school director explained.

And so it does. For many of the parents, Sinai-Lubavitch is a dream come true. Beginning with the Leah Frankforter Day Care Center, where the walls are soft pastel colors and the nursery shelves are neatly filled with disposable diapers and baby powder, working mothers bring their infants from 3 months and up to be cared for by a qualified staff, supervised by a pediatrician. A kitchen designed specifically to meet the dietary needs of the babies is also on the floor.

The entire left wing of the first floor houses the Day Care Center. Spotlessly clean, with large picture windows and cheerful accessories, it creates a bright and comfortable setting for the 100 babies. In one nursery, napping infants covered in soft blankets lay in white cribs. In another, some are crawling on the padded floors playing with stuffed toys, and others are sitting in the laps of their caretakers.

The primary school, high school and vocational school are all located in a separate wing in the 7-level building, which includes underground parking for faculty. Accredited by the Board of Education, the

The new Sinai School in Paris.



school meets the highest academic standards, both Jewish and secular. "We wanted Jewish parents to know that by sending their children to a Torah school, they are not making any sacrifices but rather have everything to gain," Rabbi Pewzner explains.

One glance at the chemistry lab, or the language lab in the high school, where each student's desk is equipped with hi-tech units that allows students to learn languages by interactive audio and video, and you know that Sinai-Lubavitch spared no expense to provide the ultimate learning experience for its students.

If that isn't enough, the school actually caters to the varying preferences of the parents. Some want their children in the traditional half day Jewish studies and half day secular studies program, others prefer a more intensive Jewish studies program.

Convenience, quality and efficiency rarely

come together in such a unique way. But at Sinai-Lubavitch a commercial kitchen with the most sophisticated cooking appliances and three professional chefs, serves up delicious, three-course hot lunches every day to its students and faculty. The kitchen is also equipped with a bakery where par-

ents and faculty can buy Challahs, croissants and a variety of kosher baked goods.

But that isn't all. "Many young Jewish women come to Paris to study at universities here. We felt there was a need to provide them with housing in a Jewish environment rather than on campus," Rabbi Pewzner says. One wing on the 7th level has studio apartments with mini-kitchens, where currently some 50 students are living.

With the support and goodwill of the Mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, the site for the building was leased (on a rent-free basis) to the Sinai-Lubavitch for 99 years. The building, a 12 million dollar project, was made possible in part by private funding, most notably by Rabbi Zecharia Frankforter, and by government loans and government grants.

While only six months into the school year, Sinai-Lubavitch is literally bursting at the seams. "We soon realized that we could not possibly accommodate all the school's divisions in this building," Rabbi Pewzner said. Located nearby, on Pajol Street, is a building of 3000 square feet for the boys' high school, the Yeshiva *Ketana*, and the Haya Mouchka Day Care Center.

To appreciate the significance of Sinai-Lubavitch, one needs to consider Jewish life in France only twenty or thirty years ago. Rabbi Hillel Pewzner, head of the Sinai-Lubavitch Schools and Chief Rabbi of the Lubavitch community in Paris, is in a good position to assess the growth and emergence of French Jewry. Rabbi Pewzner and his family were one of the handful of Lubavitchers who settled in France after leaving Russia in the late 1940s.

Faced with the task of rebuilding Jewish life in France, Lubavitch found that the scars of anti-semitism had not healed, and



Happy to study at Sinai Lubavitch.

Arts & Crafts are part of the curriculum at Sinai.



the Jews who were still living in France preferred to keep a low Jewish profile. Aside from the Lubavitch schools established in Paris for the children of the Lubavitch representatives, the Beth Rivkah School for girls and Yeshiva Tomchei Temimim for boys, there were only two Jewish schools in France, still functioning from before the war.

In 1965, with the first wave of emigration of Sephardic Jews from Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, Rabbi Pewzner established École Sinai, a wholesome, Jewish boys school for the larger Jewish community, in the oldest Jewish quarter of Paris, the "Pletzl."

In 1975 things began to move quickly as Jewish immigration to France was on the rise. École Sinai moved to the Jewish area of Montmartre, in the 18th district of Paris. The school expanded its boys division and opened a girls elementary school. Less than 10 years later, École Sinai rented a large facility on Pajol street. In 1988 the Haya Mouchka Day Care Center was added to the facility.



Torah Study: From Mount Sinai to Sinai Lubavitch.

The complex also serves as a Chabad Center, where Shabbat weekends and adult education classes take place. Parents are

welcome to use the facilities in the evenings. "We organize many events for parents and adults, who respond with enthusiasm and participate in Jewish activities, cultural gatherings and sporting events," says Mr. Messod Habib, the school's activities director.

To be precise, today, Sinai-Lubavitch has some 1250 children, and a total of 165 people employed by the institution. "The beautiful, clean building, and the academic level of the learning has made a Jewish education very desirable to Jewish parents," says Mrs. Pewzner, head of the primary division. In fact, the school was awarded the "School of the Year Trophy" by the Committee of Jewish Organizations of France.

But in the good spirit of Lubavitch, the Pewznerns are not ready to sit back and kick their feet up. "We are now working out plans for a completely new facility to house just the boys divisions of the school," Rabbi Pewzner says. A dream, you say? Maybe so, but Lubavitch in France is in the habit of making dreams come true. ■

Part 1 of a series on Lubavitch in France.

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On Yom Kippur They Waited in Line to Enter the Chabad Russian Synagogue

Anyone who ever doubted the truth inherent in the proverbial *pintele yid*, that inextinguishable eternal spark that burns deep within every Jew, need only to have observed the 1,400 Russian Jews who waited in long lines to get into the Chabad-Lubavitch Russian Synagogue in West Hollywood, California, this past Yom Kippur.

Russian Jews rejoice in freedom: Rabbi Estulin addresses some four thousands emigres at an outdoor rally.





Passover provisions for the needy (left); A joyous Bar Mitzvah celebration for 22 Russian boys (below).

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The sight was a moving one. Albeit momentarily unsettling, the new associations that these Jews had to make—of long lines not for food but for prayers, and uniformed officials not to intimidate but to prevent hazards of overcrowding—were a refreshing change of reality.

Rabbi Naftali Estulin, himself a Russian emigre and rabbi of the Chabad Russian Synagogue of West Hollywood, is at the center of the religious revival in this community. Until this year's high holidays, services were held in a storefront on Santa Monica Boulevard. But the joy and inspiration of Judaism, brought to the community's Jews by the vigorous Rabbi Estulin, has drawn many of the emigrés to the synagogue, not only on high holidays but on Shabbat and weekdays as well. To accommodate the growing congregation, an 11,000 square foot automobile repair shop was purchased.

The new building which will have an 800 person capacity when completed, was purchased for a million dollars in donations raised by 40 Russian families. "It is a source of pride for these people that the synagogue was purchased through their own efforts," says Boris Gorbis, senior vice president of the synagogue. "In Russia, we were raised to believe that anything having to do with religion is poison."

The synagogue is, of course, only one aspect of the Jewish revival here. Shabbat observance, *kashrut*, and many other mitzvot are being eagerly embraced by Russian Jews. Perhaps most telling is the phenomenon of *brit milah*: Rabbi Estulin officiates at at least a dozen circumcisions every week, for Russian boys and men. His office has been receiving an unusually large number of requests for help in observing this fundamental *mitzvah*, Rabbi Estulin says.

What makes a 25 year-old man want to undergo a *brit milah* at this stage of life? Leonid Sheyer explains: "Now I am a Jew. My soul was always Jewish, but until now, my body belonged to Ivan the terrible." ■

Teaching Torah in the British School System

OF THE 60,000 JEWISH SCHOOL children in England, an estimated third— nearly 20,000 Jewish children never see the inside of a synagogue, and do not identify sufficiently to attend anything Jewish. These children, most vulnerable to assimilation, constitute the disappearing Jews.

Unlike American public schools where separation of church and state prohibits religious instruction in the schools, religion occupies a prominent place in the British school system. It was possible, therefore, to reach these children while they were still in school, before they would forever be lost to the Jewish people.

Hence, the Lubavitch Council for Schools established in 1982 to address Jewish students in their schools. Visiting about 150 schools in and around London, Lubavitch men and women meet upwards of 8000 Jewish children each year.

"The results speak for themselves," says Rabbi Aryeh Forta, director of the Council. Although the schools require that the Lubavitch Council address students of all faiths, it has, over the years, nurtured good relationships with the Jewish teachers and principals, and has had a lasting impact on the Jewish students. "Jewish girls have begun lighting Shabbat candles, Jewish teachers have committed themselves to observing

certain *mitzvot* and have become involved in Jewish events, and the men and women from the Lubavitch Council are repeatedly asked to come back again and again," Rabbi Forta says.

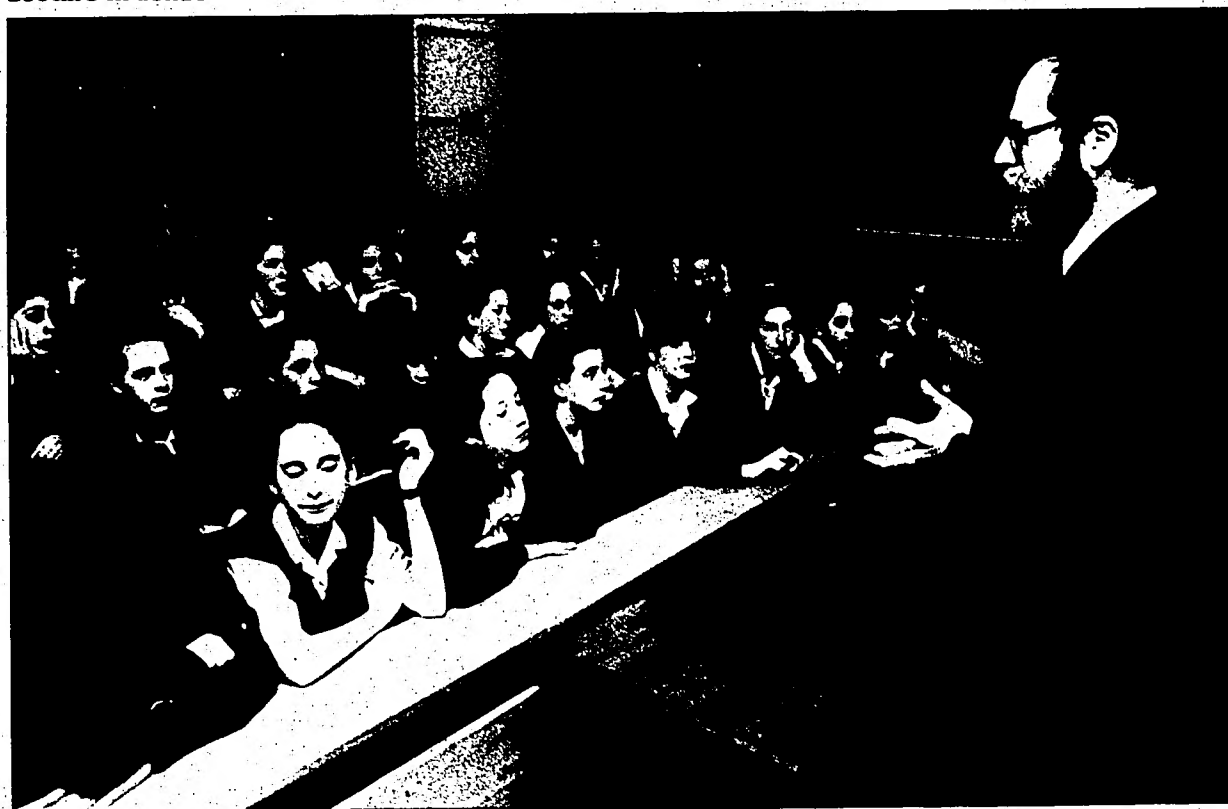
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The Council, explains Rabbi Forta, is unique to all Jewish educational programs: "All the activity takes place entirely within the British school system. There is no Chabad House, no fixed community, and its personnel are not identified with any locality."

Students grow up and move on, and success is not always easy to measure. But the Lubavitch Council for Schools has created among children a Jewish awareness so vital for forming deeper commitments in later life. It is, for thousands of Jewish students, a life, changing encounter with Judaism. ■

Lecture in London: British school children learn about Judaism in a session with Rabbi Forta.



High Holidays in Jakarta and Surabaya



Rabbinical students Kahn and Kranz with members of the Surabayan community.

IT ISN'T EASY FOR JEWS LIVING IN the developed world to imagine that in an out-of-the-way, nearly forgotten city of Surabaya, in Muslim Indonesia, there live Jews, who this past Rosh Hashana, made their way through the dirt roads of town to an old synagogue.

Like most of us, these Jews heard the shofar blasts and sang the prayers. But unlike most of us, this is the first time in more than three decades that the holidays were observed in this way.

Until 35 years ago, there was an active Jewish community here. But then most of the Jews left for the United States and Holland, and only a small number were left to fend for themselves. The synagogue, built by Jews from Baghdad who settled here about one hundred years ago, was devoid of all activity.

In 1989, two Lubavitch students from Australia were sent to visit the Jewish community in Indonesia, where they were introduced to David Mussry, a Jakartan Jewish businessman. Mr. Mussry spoke to the

Lubavitch students about the community's need for spiritual leadership. The following fall, two Lubavitch students, Levi Yitzchok Kahn and Yoel Kranz, made the trip from Australia to Indonesia, bringing with them kosher foods, and a Torah scroll and educational materials.

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The Rabbinical students arrived for Succot in Jakarta—the largest Indonesian city, where many foreigners come to do business. Here the students gathered a *minyan*, built a *succa*, and shared the *lulav* and *etrog* with the Jakartan Jews.

The students then traveled to celebrate Simchat Torah in Surabaya, where after 35 years of silence, voices of prayer once again filled the large synagogue.

This year again, Levi Kahn returned with another student, Schneur Zalman Vogel, to celebrate the High Holy Days with the Jews of Surabaya and Jakarta. About 75 Jews joined the services, among them tourists and others who traveled from Thailand and Papua New Guinea, to Indonesia — especially for these services.

Not only were Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Succot and Simchat Torah celebrated, but *mezuzot* were affixed to Jewish doors, *tefillin* were given to Jewish men and Shabbat and holiday candles to the women and girls.

Of course, Lubavitch will stay in touch with the handful of Jews in Surabaya and Jakarta. More importantly, says Levi Kahn, is that they impressed upon the Jewish community to take the initiative and organize for themselves Jewish communal and religious activities. ■

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Lubavitch's Northern Exposure

FOR MOST PEOPLE, THE MENTION OF ALASKA produces images of forbidding cold, of pristine nature and virgin lands. But while Anchorage, its major city, has become a bustling metropolis that has many Alaskans scurrying to the "suburbs," the idea of Jewish life in Alaska seems as foreign to the state as does surfing. Surprisingly, Alaska has a long standing relationship with Lubavitch that goes back many years.

In December 1970, two Lubavitch students braved the cold and visited the state where the spiritual climate was not much warmer than the temperature readings. But they did find a number of Jews living in various parts of the state, and before long, kosher food and spiritual support was on its way.

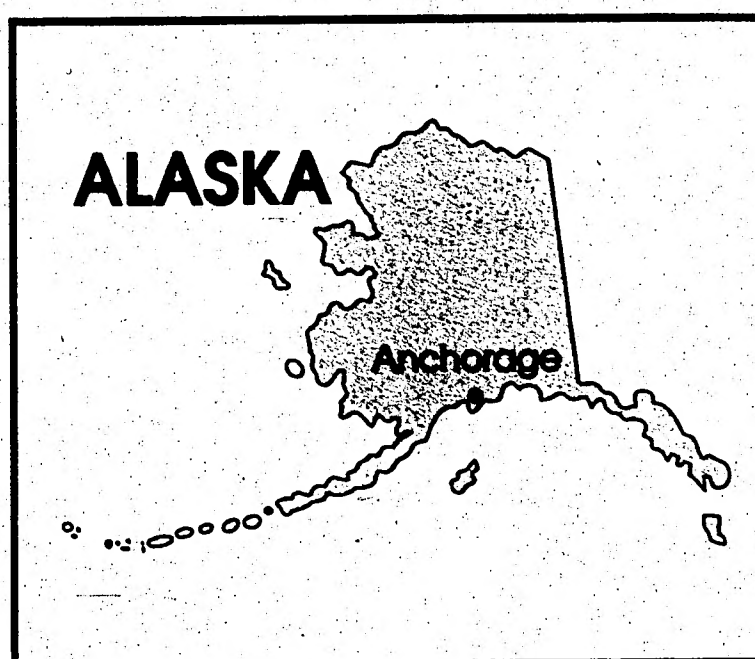
Then, in 1973, when Israel Eber came with his wife to Elmendorf Air Force Base as chaplain, he made it clear to the U.S. Air Force that a kosher mikvah is essential if he and his wife were to live in Alaska. So the Air Force arranged for a mikvah to be built in Elmendorf, under the supervision of Rabbi Gershon Grossbaum of St. Paul, Minnesota, an expert in mikvah-construction.

In 1970, Rabbi Levitin, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Seattle, Washington, established Congregation Shomrei Ohr, headed by

Alaska Governor Walter Hickel with Rabbi Greenberg at Alaska's first public Menorah lighting ceremony.



ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



David Grashin, and every year Lubavitch students would visit Alaska. But as the state's Jewish population grew to about 4000, the time for a local Chabad-Lubavitch presence became ripe.

Rabbi Yosef Greenberg and his wife Esther, arrived in Anchorage one year ago, to a community waiting with bated breath. "We were overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of support from the entire community," explains Rabbi Greenberg.

Soon the Greenbergs established a Hebrew school, began a Shabbat program and ran a successful summer camp. Among the many services Chabad has brought with the arrival of the Greenbergs are Dial-A-Jewish Story, a community newspaper and a Jewish calendar. The calendar includes a halachic guide to the unique problems encountered in a time zone where Shabbat Candle Lighting time may sometimes be at 2:00 a.m. In addition to the regular services, Rabbi Greenberg, who also serves as rabbi of Shomrei Ohr, accommodates the large number of Jewish tourists who visit Alaska in the summers, with lodging, kosher food, and inspirational Torah classes that meet regularly every week.

Other cities in Alaska, such as Fairbanks, Juneau, Nome, Barrow and Ketchikan are also benefitting from the new Chabad-Lubavitch center.

Rabbi Yosef Greenberg, 27, has gained familiarity with Alaska during the two years he spent as a student in Seattle doing outreach work. A native of Israel, Rabbi Greenberg came to the U.S. in 1982, where he studied in the Lubavitch schools and received his rabbinic ordination. His wife, Esther Golda (nee Shemtov), is from Detroit. The couple has two children. □

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From Lubavitch to Lubumbashi

EXCEPT FOR AN OCCASIONAL NEWS STORY ABOUT a revolution, Zaire isn't much on the minds of most Westerners. In fact, any Westerner would be hard pressed to think of a more foreign and strange place to be living than Zaire, Africa. That, of course, until you meet up with a Lubavitcher who is living there with his wife and baby girl.

Rabbi Shlomo Bentoulila and his wife Miriam arrived last January to Kinshasa, a city with a Jewish community of 200 families.

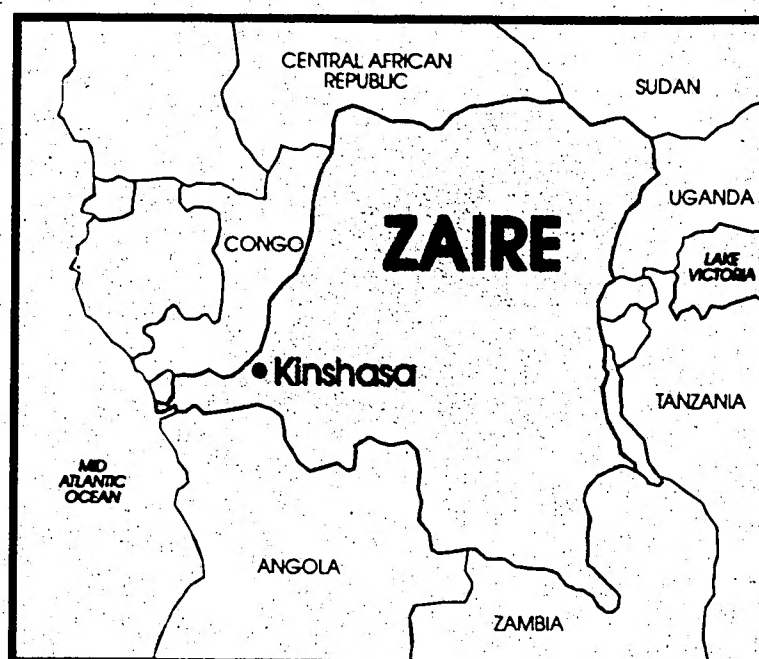
The community consists mostly of Sephardic Jews, a majority of whose ancestors have come from the Greek island of Rhodes in the early 1900s. Others are from Europe and Israel whose livelihoods have brought them there.

Since the arrival of Chabad, the community has benefited from daily

Rabbi Bentoulila and visiting Rabbi Michael Gahan at a Kenyan summer camp.



KINSHASA, ZAIRE



classes and a host of creative holiday awareness programs for the adults and children. Rabbi Bentoulila tapped into the artistic talent of local Zairians, and commissioned the design of holiday comic strips to teach children about Jewish holidays.

In addition, Chabad of Kinshasa maintains close contact with a small Jewish community in Lubumbashi, some 2000 miles from Kinshasa.

"The Chabad House is also a center for small Jewish communities across black Africa," Rabbi Bentoulila explains. These communities now know where to turn when they need holiday provisions and all other Jewish services. As for kosher food, the community has two kosher food stores. And the community Rabbi, who was brought over from Israel three years ago, doubles as a shochet. Other essentials are flown in from South Africa.

Last September, when the Zairian army staged a revolution, the Jewish residents were taken into protective custody of the Israeli embassy in Zaire. They were advised to take only minimal belongings with them, and Bentoulila took his Lulav and Etrog with him. "By the end of our stay in the embassy, there wasn't a single Jew who hadn't observed the mitzvah of Lulav and Etrog," Bentoulila says. After waiting a day in the embassy, the people were taken by boat to Congo, and from there were flown to Israel. He and his family have since returned. Rabbi Bentoulila says that although awakening to the sounds of gunfire the first morning of Sukkot was unsettling, "miraculously, the phone lines and the water pipes remained intact."

Rabbi Bentoulila, 27, completed his rabbinic studies at the Lubavitch yeshiva in Montreal, where he was ordained. He speaks French fluently and had visited Kinshasa as a student in 1989. His wife Miriam (nee Hadad), 24, is from Italy. She studied in France and Israel. Their daughter, Devorah Leah, is 2 years old. □

Rabbinical College Celebrates 20 Years in Hills of New Jersey



Several months ago, 16-year old David Pap bade his friends and family farewell, and left Budapest, Hungary, for the United States. His destination: The Chabad-Lubavitch Rabbinical College of America in Morris Township, New Jersey. “I had no idea what to expect,” David says in perfect English. “I had never been to a yeshiva before.”

Articulate, and mature beyond his years, David was prepared to make the most of any opportunity to study Torah. After studying briefly in Hungary with Rabbi Baruch Oberlander—the Chabad-Lubavitch representative there, David had his heart set on studying at a yeshiva.



In the right direction: Intense study at the New Direction Program.

But unlike Jews from the former Soviet Union, for whom a plethora of opportunities to study Judaism have become available—both in Russia and abroad, for other East European Jews a yeshiva is harder to come by.

It was specifically for people like David that Ronald S. Lauder, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria, founded an institute under the auspices of the Rabbinical College of America. The program would place special emphasis on grooming its students for leadership so that they may eventually return to their respective countries and offer guidance and inspiration to their own Jewish communities. With a full Lauder scholarship and grant for his airfare, David arrived in June to the Ronald S. Lauder Institute for East European Jewry at the Rabbinical College of America.

David speaks raptly of yeshiva life experience. When asked if he is comfortable, he

says in all sincerity, “comfortable is not the right word. I could spend the rest of my life here.”

Situated on 16 acres of quiet, shady hills, the Rabbinical College of America is comprised of five educational institutions ranging from a pre-school through high school to the rabbinical college. Dormitories housing students, sports and swimming facilities, a shul and bookstore are all on campus.

An unexpected bonus for David, the beauty of the yeshiva’s surroundings, was secondary to the yeshiva atmosphere of intense learning that has so enveloped him. “My only problem now,” he says, “is that the day is too short for me.” Here at the Rabbinical College, a new world—of Talmud, Halacha, Chassidic philosophy and Jewish mysticism, has opened up for David.

The Rabbinical College of America recently

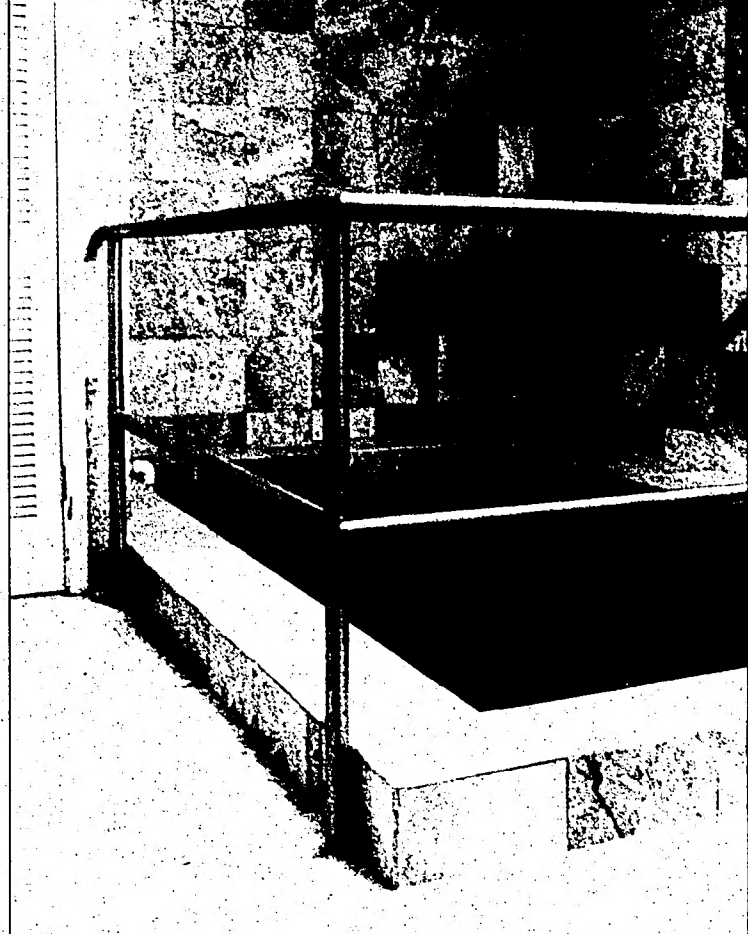
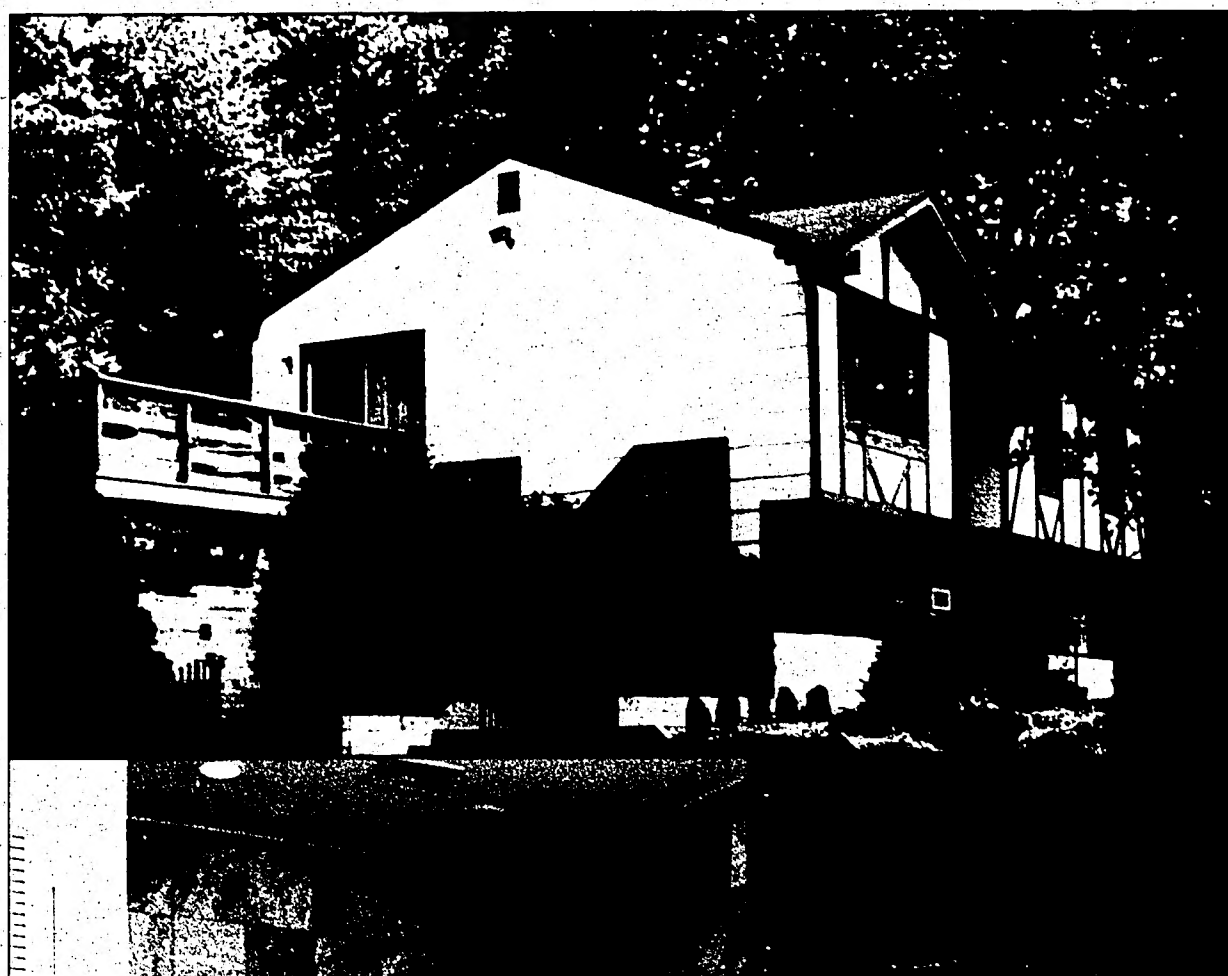
celebrated its twentieth year in Morristown. In 1971, the college moved from a one-family house in Newark, with twenty rabbinical yeshiva students, to the 16-acre campus. With the larger facilities, the College began to develop new educational programs, most notably, the Tiferes Bachurim New Direction Program.

Tiferes Bachurim was established in 1972 as a four-year yeshiva program for students with little or no prior Jewish education. At the time, recalls Rabbi Moshe Herson, Dean of the College, “people perceived it as an experiment that was doomed to failure.”

But Lubavitch, sensing the aimlessness and soul-searching typical of the post 60’s generation, saw a real need for a yeshiva that would fill the void and redirect a disillusioned generation.

Tiferes Bachurim’s innovative program took

The beautiful Bals Chana Lubavitch—Esther Rosenhaus Mikvah Institute serves the entire community with a fashionable, modern facility.



The first stage of the new housing complex.



root in those early years and has been going strong since. Today, its students represent a cross section of Jewish men — single, married, professional, and literally from every part of the globe.

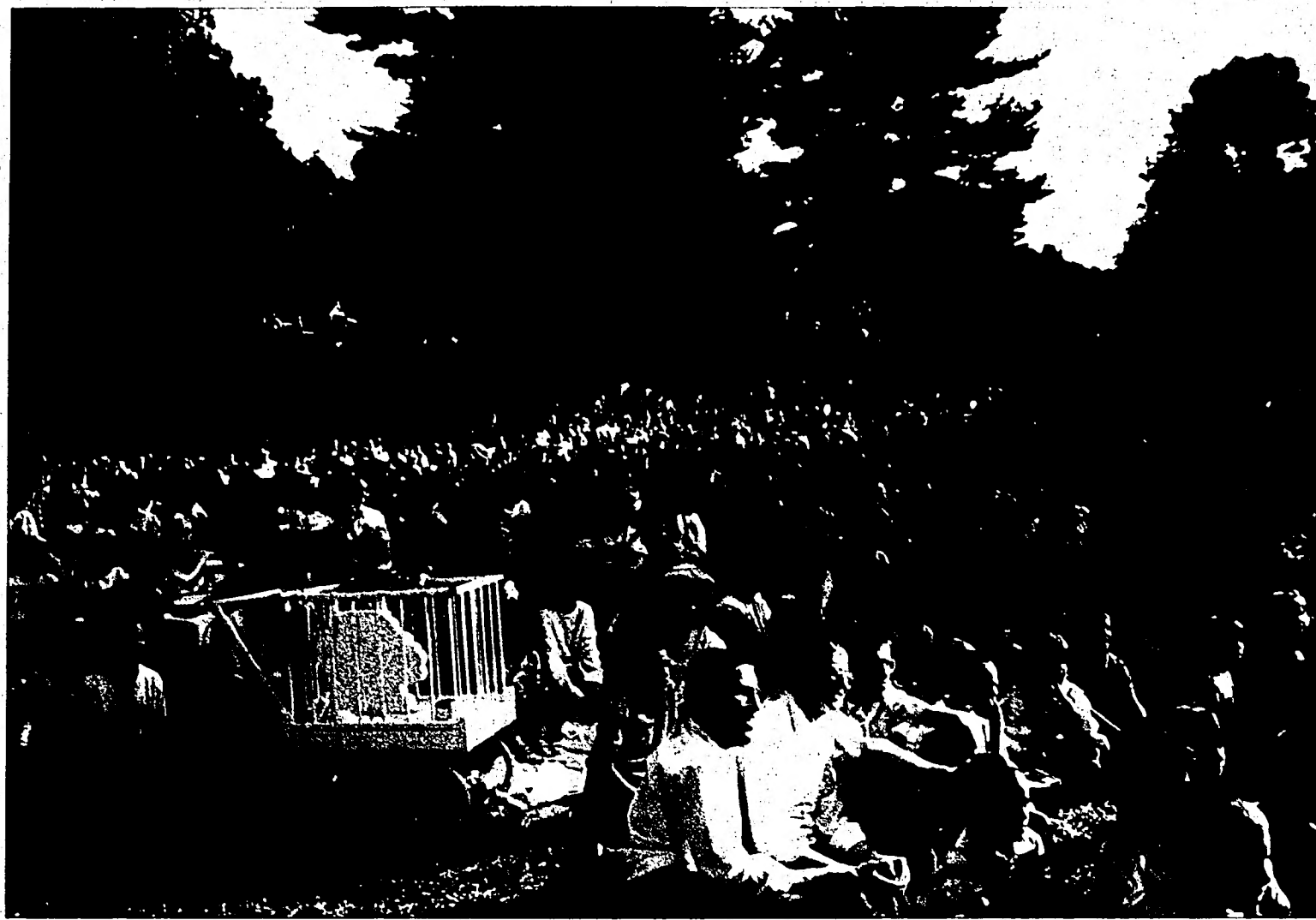
It seems implausible but Moshe Bunam, with his flowing red beard and visible *tzitzit*, is a relative newcomer to Jewish life. Five years ago, Moshe, at the age of 28, had a *brit milah* in Russia. He began to explore Judaism and

emigrated shortly thereafter. Moshe, who intends to put his B.S. in computer technology to use, “hopefully for Jewish outreach,” is spending at least one year immersed in Torah study at Tiferes Bachurim, where, he says, “the atmosphere is compelling.”

Today, riding on the success of the Tiferes Bachurim Program, which sees about 250 students (ranging in age from 19 to 50) each year, are the numerous yeshivas that have opened in recent years in the United States and Israel for students new to Judaism.

By now, the yeshiva had three distinct schools (one for rabbinic students, one for high-school yeshiva boys, and the New Direction Program). But as the educational institutions expanded, the surrounding Jewish community began to grow, and in 1977, Cheder Lubavitch, an elementary school to serve the faculty children was established. Today the Cheder has an enrollment of 160 children.

One thing led to another, and soon the Rabbinical College of America had to meet the demand for married students looking to continue or join the New Direction Program. With that came the establishment of Kollel Tiferes Avrechim. By the end of 1987, the college purchased 66 additional acres adjacent to its original 16, making it the largest yeshiva campus worldwide in terms of acreage, Rabbi Yisrael Gordon, Director of Administration, points out. The development of residential housing for married stu-



The annual Jewish Renaissance Fair, one of the college's many innovative outreach programs, consistently attracts thousands to the campus grounds.

*"My only problem now
is that the day is too short"*

dents and faculty members followed, and Chabad-Lubavitch of Morristown became a self-contained community, with a synagogue, a beautiful mikvah and summer programs, in addition to its various schools.

Binyamin Bresinger, originally from Montréal, lives in one of the college's new garden apartments with his wife and newborn baby. "For a *baal-teshuvá* — a returning Jew, the transition to Jewish life and a Jewish community can be a very difficult process," he explains. "But the environment here at the rabbinical college has been extremely conducive to my spiritual and intellectual growth, and has helped us integrate Judaism into our personal lives in an encompassing way."

Rabbi Gordon avers: "Unique to the college," he says, "is that it is really one large extended family." Indeed, the interaction

among the students of the various schools contribute to an enhanced and unusual yeshiva experience. A fraternal rapport between the students in the various programs, and warm, personal relationships are evident between the students and the Rabbis — who serve as mentors, counselors and teachers. Perhaps this explains why, according to Rabbi Herson, 85-90 percent of the students at the college choose to adopt a Torah lifestyle for themselves.

The college, which has earned a wide reputation for its Rabbinic ordination program, is accredited both by the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and AARTS (Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools). In addition, the Rabbinical College has established ten regional offices for outreach work bridging the college's programs with local communities across the state of New Jersey. It is, as so aptly de-

scribed by Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, "the West Point of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement."

Like West Point, the Rabbinical College offers scholarships to eligible students. "Tuition, room and board costs about \$12,000 a year," Rabbi Yisrael Teitelbaum, the registrar notes. "But we will never turn away a serious student because of financial difficulties." As a result, a large number of the students are on scholarship.

During the lunch break, Rabbi Herson catches a word with David Pap. "I hope you've written to your friends back in Hungary about the yeshiva," David confesses that he hasn't yet. "I will," he promises, "if I could only find the time." Although Rabbi Herson prods him to find the time, he seems rather pleased by David's handicap.

The fall foliage is picture perfect and Rabbis Herson and Gordon walk along a narrow path strewn with orange and red leaves that runs across the length of the 66 acres. When asked what fruit this terra firma is expected to bear, Rabbi Herson smiles mischievously and says something vague about students who need vocational training. ■

Milk and Honey for New Russian Emigrés in Northern Israel

FOR 49-YEAR-OLD LEONID ADIMOV, a father of two and a civil engineer, immigrating to Israel was not a piece of cake. Without any knowledge of the language, and the oversaturated job market in Israel, Adimov works as a janitor. Yet with all the difficulties of adapting to his new life, Leonid has no regrets. Only gratitude.

"I feel very fortunate to have freedom and the ability to actually live as a Jew," he says. More specifically, Adimov says he is grateful that he was given the opportunity to learn about Judaism when he did, immediately upon arriving in Israel. "I believe I was most receptive to learning new things when I was fresh off the plane," he says. "It is unfortunate that many Russian Jews get so busy with all the problems of adjusting—finding work, that they never get around to exploring the Judaism that was denied them until now. They are sort of missing the whole point of the freedom they longed for all these years."

Upon his arrival in Israel, Adimov, who found housing in the northern city of Upper Natzeret, joined the Chabad Center & Ulpan, the only one of its kind in all of Israel. Although *ulpanim* have been springing up all over Israel offering crash courses in Hebrew, acquiring language skills and finding a job are only part of the challenge for Russian immigrants in their new country. Most of them have to discover an entire

history, a culture and a wealth of traditions which — although their own, was suppressed and beyond their reach for most of their lives.

Most Jews arriving in Israel from the former Soviet Union are largely ignorant of their Jewish heritage, and yet "there is a real thirst among them to make up for lost time, to learn and experience as much as they can about Jewish life," explains Rabbi David Nachshon, Director of the Chabad Mobile Centers in Israel, who established the Center & Ulpan.

When the need for an ulpan in Upper Natzeret to serve 4,000 immigrant families became evident, Rabbi Nachshon saw the potential success of a new project to help Russian immigrants. In fact, Upper Natzeret has the largest per capita population of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, than any other city in Israel.

Unlike any other ulpan, this one would offer a comprehensive program for Jewish families. It took 16 days for a large building complex to be renovated for this purpose, with dining hall, classrooms, library and

A lesson in Hebrew.



other facilities — and the program began to blossom.

Thus far, the ulpan has met the diverse needs of these immigrants with unusual success. Classes for adults and children in Hebrew and other subjects, holiday programs, and a hot lunch served every day, are only a small part of the extent of the ulpan's services. Elaborate Jewish weddings for couples who were allowed only a civil ceremony in their former country, and Shabbatons, have brought yiddishkeit alive to the nearly one thousand participants of the ulpan. The Center & Ulpan has won special praise and admiration from Israel's Prime Minister.

A pressing concern for many of these immigrants arriving in Israel with professional skills, is, of course, suitable employment. The Center & Ulpan recently sponsored an employment fair, at which David Menna, Israel's Minister of Employment, met with hundreds of ulpan members seeking jobs. The results? "Three hundred positions were filled," says Rabbi Shmaryahu Harel, Operations Chief of Chabad Mobile Centers.

The ulpan is staffed by about 20 people and is open daily. As the number of immigrants continues to rise, so do the services and projects of the Chabad Center & Ulpan. "Presently," Rabbi Harel says "we have a childrens club for ages six to twelve, and a schedule of home visits for counseling families on how to adjust to Israeli life. Planned for the near future are higher level classes for learning the Hebrew language and Torah classes for senior citizens. "Hopefully," Rabbi Harel says, "this will be the prototype ulpan for many more like it to follow. ■■

**"According to the law of
Moses and Israel":
Leonid and Ilonora
Adimov "remarry" in a
Jewish ceremony.**



International Conferences Held in New York

“HERE IN THIS HALL TONIGHT, we have gathered a group of the most dynamic Jewish leaders in the world.”

Anyone at the banquet session of the International Shluchim Conference could only confirm this observation made by Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky, Chairman of the evening.

Twelve-hundred emissaries, representing

scores of countries, packed the hall near the Lubavitch World Headquarters to wrap up the five-day conference.

The conference, which is designed to bring Lubavitch emissaries together for an extended weekend of inspiration, morale-boosting and an exchange of innovative ideas, featured an elaborate program, with lectures and workshops to address the broad scope of Lubavitch activities. Held in several foreign

languages, the workshops ran the gamut from “Homiletics: The Art of Structuring a Speech” to “Issues in Halacha” and “Developing a Lay Leadership.”

But the inspiration reached a crescendo at the banquet session as the emissaries listened to words of encouragement and appreciation from the speakers.

The mood was intensely joyous, the walls seemed to vibrate as the large crowd erupted in spontaneous singing and dancing several times during the course of the evening.

During the roll call, the participants held standing ovations for Lubavitch emissaries in Israel and Russia.

On a more reflective note, one of the keynote speakers referred to the often lonely and difficult struggle to which the emissaries return after the close of the conference. Looking at the sea of black hats before him, the speaker, Dr. Velvl Green, said, “I think you are all crazy. Not because you go out there to do the work that you do, but because you are dancing and singing about it.”



Photos by Donal Holway



Twenty-two hundred strong:
The delegates pose in front of Lubavitch
World Headquarters in New York.

"But this insanity — this joy and ecstasy that you have for the work you do," Professor Green continued, "has infected me too. My son is one of you, and I am thankful for it."

The highlight of the Conference was the meeting with the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who personally addressed the emissaries at the Shabbat *farbrengen* and then greeted them again on Sunday. In an unexpected gesture on Monday, in honor of the emissaries, the Rebbe personally handed every man, woman and child present, a packet containing a Chassidic discourse, two dollars for charity-giving, and a piece of *lekach*—honey cake that is traditionally distributed by the Rebbe before Yom Kippur, symbolic of sweet blessings.

Observing these more than one thousand men at the banquet, all united by a palpable sense of purpose, of mission and of pride, one knows instinctively that there must be some underlying stimulus propelling such energy. When the glasses were raised in a toast of L'Chaim in honor of the Rebbe, there was no mistaking the source of inspiration. ■

From The Women's Point of View

At a parallel conference (January 23-27), more than one thousand women, breaking traditional stereotypes, traveled from all over the world to participate in the Conference of Lubavitch Women Emissaries.

As full partners with their husbands in representing Lubavitch in their respective communities, these wives and mothers wear many hats: School directors and principals, counselors and administrators, editors and producers.

Unique to this conference was the opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues and problems shared primarily by the women emissaries, as well as formulating a particularly feminine response to the issues facing emissaries on a day-to-day basis.

Workshops held in several languages covered a diverse range of concerns, from "Establishing a Chabad Center" to "Healthy Attitudes to Learning Disabilities." And while these women were discussing "Fund-raising Techniques and Opportunities" or "Battling Assimilation on the Collegiate Front," their husbands were at home caring for the children.

Addressing the conference were women serving as emissaries in Sweden, Italy, England, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, as well as from Virginia and other states.

The conference was held on the weekend marking the fourth *yahrzeit* of the Rebbetzin Chaya Moussia Schneerson, of blessed memory, whose concern for the well-being and success of the emissaries knew no bounds. On the eve of the *yahrzeit* the Rebbe honored the emissaries, as he did the men, by personally giving every one gathered at Lubavitch World Headquarters a packet containing an anthology of Chassidic essays on the role of the Jewish woman, two dollars for charity giving, and a piece of sweet *lekach* cake.

University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, and its famous Wharton Business School, has a thriving Lubavitch Student Association to service the university's large Jewish student body.

Rabbi Ephraim Levin, the Chabad rabbi on campus, says that the function of Chabad on campus has expanded in recent years to keep up with the diverse needs of its Jewish students.

Of course, Chabad runs weekly classes on Jewish studies, Chassidic discourses and Halacha; the Friday night *minyan* and Shabbat dinner which attracts lots of students; the one-on-one classes for Jewish students who have yet to recognize the form of an *aleph*, and the popular holiday events that are held at the fraternities.

But Chabad on campus has been a catalyst for a new trend among Jewish students. "Students want to get involved on various levels — not only for their own personal benefit, but especially for the benefit of Jewish life on campus," Rabbi Levin says.

A lot of students are interested in community service. Thus, Chabad on campus has helped organize a student network of volunteers to help in various community service programs. For example, Rabbi Levin explains, working with a nearby cerebral palsy center, Chabad organized a community service program wherein students volunteer their time to help at the center.

"This helping and sharing is also a very good opportunity for students to get to know one another and become familiar with the pro-

grams offered by Chabad," Rabbi Levin says.

Students with a strong Jewish consciousness are also concerned about the destructive presence of missionary cults on campus, Rabbi Levin says, and have worked with Chabad in various ways to combat this threat to innocent Jewish students.

Rabbi Levin distinguishes between three types of students who seek out Chabad on campus. The typical Jewish student who doesn't have much of a Jewish background, the student who spent some time in Israel and experienced a Jewish reawakening only to come back to the university environment and find it devoid of Jewish warmth, and the observant Jewish student who needs a vibrant Jewish community.

"Chabad tries to serve each of these students, and in doing so works to strengthen Jewish identity on campus—where assimilation is very high."

Rabbi Levin works creatively to heighten Jewish identity—whether with the Baal Shem Tov band which visits the campus frequently, the kosher falafel kiosk, or the menorah lighting ceremonies on campus during which students and faculty are honored with lighting the giant menorah every night of Chanukah.

Chabad at the University of Pennsylvania also services the nearby Temple and Drexel Universities, as well as Haverford and Bryn Mawr. □



Students celebrate Chanukah on campus with Rabbi Levin.

Newsbits

JERUSALEM SOUP KITCHEN

As you make your way through the narrow, winding stone streets of Meah Shearim, one of the oldest Jewish neighborhoods outside the Jerusalem walls, you'll eventually come to the Colel Chabad Soup Kitchen.

Here, every day at 1:00, about one hundred indigent men and women come to eat a three course hot lunch. Yisrael Cohen, who manages the kitchen explains: "These are proud, but poor and often homeless people who feel comfortable coming here for what is probably their only meal each day."



The Soup Kitchen is sparkling clean, and the people are served with love and respect. Moshe Papyuna, a veteran of the Soup Kitchen, introduces himself as its manager. And he's there every day to lend a hand so that things run smoothly.

Not only a place to eat, the Soup Kitchen is also something of a debating society for many of its regulars. "Here's where the politics of the country gets worked out," Rabbi Cohen says. Indeed, there is a fraternal rapport between the people who have come to know each other in the ten years since the Soup Kitchen has been opened. There are those who set the agenda for the day's discussions, those who play devil's advocate, and those who simply like to be left alone.

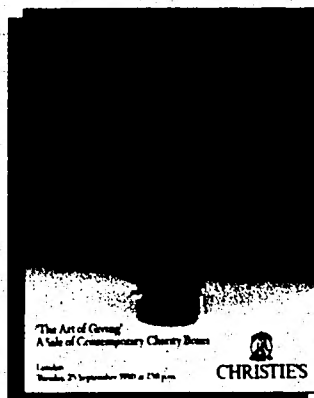
On Friday evenings and Shabbat day, a large festive meal is served. And on holidays, whether it be a Purim party or a Passover Seder, the Soup Kitchen remains open — literally a haven for many of Jerusalem's needy.

But the Soup Kitchen's services extend not only to those who come there, but also to the bedridden and the immobile. Three hundred generous meals packed in styrofoam dinner

trays, are distributed every day. And to encourage activity among the elderly, the Soup Kitchen arranges tours with a stop at the kitchen for a good lunch. **□**

CHRISTIE'S PUSHKA AUCTION

In big and little ways, Lubavitch is seeing the ultimate purpose coming to fruition. How else to explain the success of a recent project sponsored by Lubavitch Foundation of London, in which more than 70 international artists, designers and sculptors submitted their one-of-a-kind pushkas, to be auctioned by Christie's of London.



The range of materials used, the innovative designs and submissions from famous craftsmen, promoted a keen interest in the auction among serious collectors of Judaica from around the world.

The Pushkas sold at prices up to \$10,000. But not to lose function to form, the artists all agreed to share the proceeds with a charity of their choice. **□**

THE CHILDREN WERE FIRST

How do you get a child to anticipate the coming of Moshiach? The Chabad-Lubavitch Shluchim Office, together with Tzivos Hashem, came up with a formula that has well over one million Jewish children doing all sorts of good things to help bring Moshiach. **□**

Printed in eight languages, one million full-color, beautifully illustrated brochures appeal vividly to the child's imagination, describing a world of peace, prosperity and happiness for all people. Distributed to schools and children's programs in countries around the world, children were invited to participate in a contest in which the author of the best composition explaining "Why I Want Moshiach" is awarded a free trip to Israel. **□**

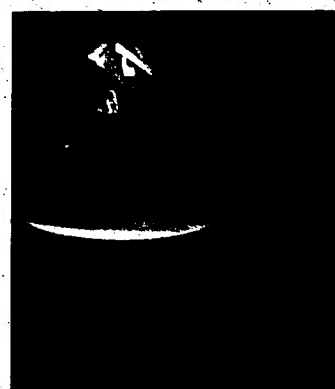
JEWISH FAMILY EXPO IN NEW YORK CITY

45,000 people came through the doors at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City last February. And unlike most of the events at the Center which are open only to the trade, this was open to everyone who wanted to learn anything about Jewish life, history and tradition.

A talking kosher kitchen, in which cabinets opened demonstrating the separation between milk and meat was a major attraction. But there were exhibits about Rabbi Akiba, Masada, and the Holy Temple, to name a few, giving children and adults vivid images of these periods in Jewish history.

Arts and crafts, where the children made Judaica and baked *challah*, a puppet theatre and a Wheel of Torah, a spinoff of the popular Wheel of Fortune, were only some of the highlights giving the kids (and grown-ups too) a grand time. The Expo ran for two weeks, during which three hundred schools brought their children for this educational and creative experience.

The Expo was produced by Tzivos Hashem, the Lubavitch children's organization. **□**



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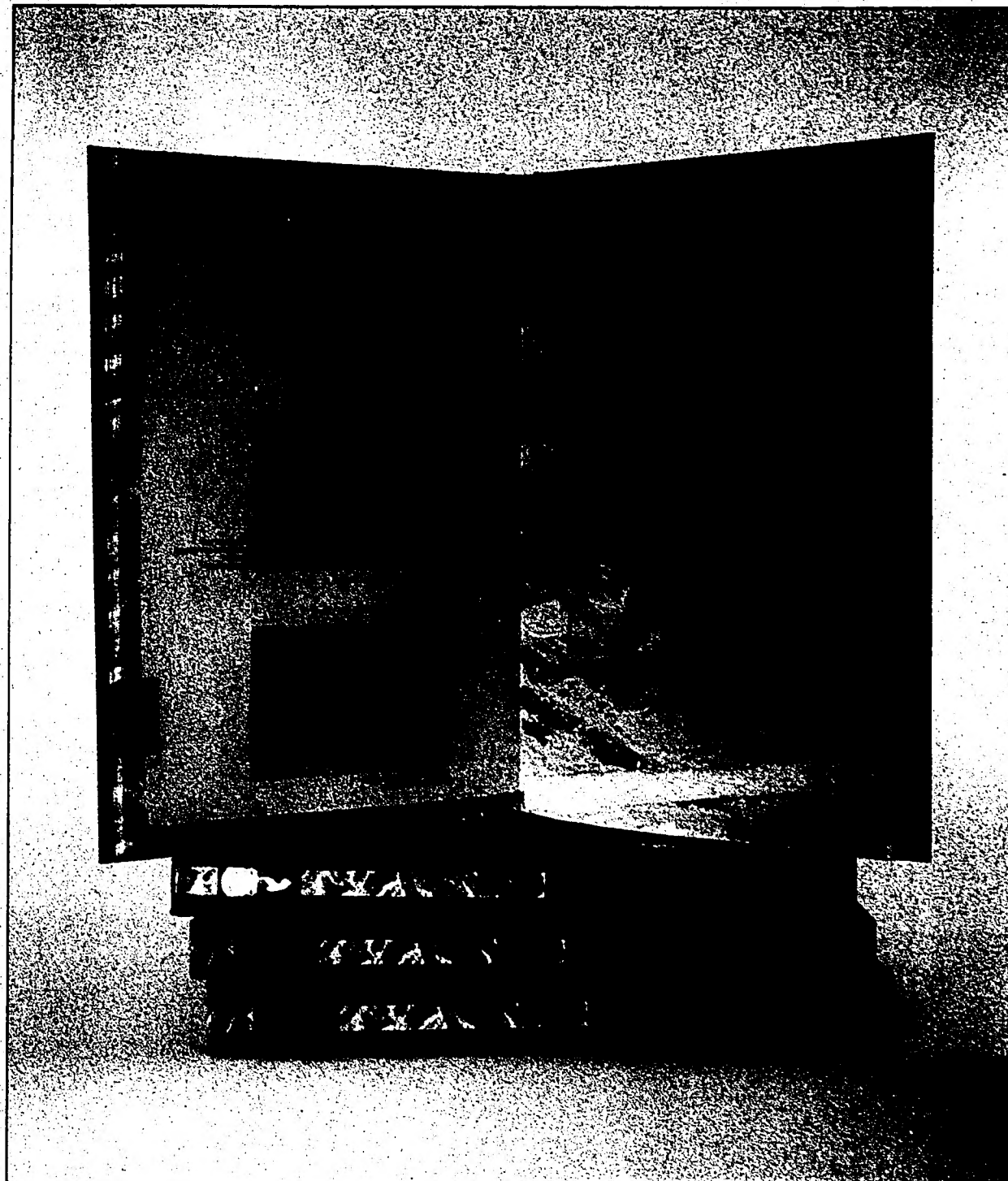
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EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR OWN family album. Naturally. And when friends come over, proud and doting parents and grandparents are quick to pull out the album and share it with them.

The Lubavitch emissaries (shluchim) around the world comprise their own large, extended family. They too have an album. But with three volumes plus an index for the thousands of faces in it (1800 family photographs), this is not your typical family album.

Inspired by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, the idea to produce an album containing photographs of all Lubavitch emissaries worldwide — and their institutions, serves to underscore the shared goals, struggles and tribulations of Lubavitch emissaries — whether he or she be a Sephardic Jew in Morocco, or a born and bred Britain.

It took twelve months of tireless work, but the full-color, hardbound volumes which



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include one of Israel, one of the United States and Canada, and a third of emissaries in all other countries, was completed in time for this year's International Shluchim Conference (see story page 20), where each emissary was presented with a gift of the

three-volume album.

True, this particular family is unusually dynamic and wonderfully blessed with constant new additions. Not to worry. A supplemental album is in the making. **■**

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